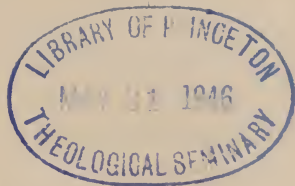


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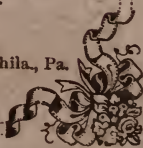

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1. Foreign Missions, January. 2. Sustentation, March. 3. Publication, May. 4. Church Erection, July. 5. Ministerial Relief, September. 6. Education, October. 7. Freedmen, December. 8. Aid for Colleges and Academies, February.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The General Assembly of 1871 directed "That as the rate of expenditure is measurably uniform throughout the year, no one month be designated for taking up collections for Home Missions; but that each church designate for itself the month that will bring most to the treasury of the Board, and in no case fail of an annual contribution." See Minutes 1871, page 575.

THE NEW YEAR.

The new year is a dividing line in point of time that suggests both the past and the future. We look back at the year just closed and ask, What have we done? What success have we had? What mistakes have we made? What more could we have done?

The past has been a prosperous year in Home Missions in many respects. The missionaries have done most effective labor; an unusual number of churches have been organized; an unusual number of churches have enjoyed revivals, and the largest number of communicants have come into our missionary churches.

As to promising openings we have never had more at any one time. From the East and West and North and South most urgent appeals have come to us for missionaries and the organization of Sabbath-schools and churches.

Our discouragements have laid along the line of our burdensome debt. We have not been able to enter the open doors to gather the ripened harvests. The debt was unexpected, and unusually large because legacies had fallen off unexpectedly. But every dollar of that debt was for remunerative work well and honestly done.

But let us now turn and face the future. What shall we undertake

the coming year? The population of the country is increasing; railroad lines are extending in every direction; new towns are springing up; scores of places are calling to *us*, to *our Church*, to come and plant the standard of the cross in the midst of them. How can we refuse? But if we do the work that falls to our lot to do we must find some way to advance our income. The growing work needs growing contributions. We may expect great results if we do what we can for the work of Home Missions—yes, greater than ever before.

DAKOTA.

EARNEST WORK IN RAISING MONEY FOR OUR DEBT.

REV. C. H. PURMORT.

I have received the Board's statements and the personal letter sent me urging that I forward the statements to our vacant churches and new ministers. I am complying as fast as possible, and we have been before this urging our brethren to take up special collections for the debt, and if I mistake not the Presbytery of Southern Dakota will do her share *freely* and *promptly*. I am taking a new course with my people here in Canton. I am going to each member, young and old, and asking for not less than twenty cents, and as much more as they feel able to give. Outsiders and the Sabbath-school scholars are taking it up, and are sending in or bringing directly to me their twenty cents and twenty-five cents for the debt, and every Sabbath I announce from the pulpit so many members of the church, so many Christian people members of other churches, so many Sabbath-school scholars, so many not members of churches or the Sabbath-school, have given me their twenty cents, and their twenty-five cents or dollars for the Home Mission balance debt.

I observe the effect is good, and then it keeps the matter before the people. I think it may be the good Lord has allowed this debt in order to inform some of our churches, and some of our Presbyterian people, that we have a Home Mission Board, and what a grand work it is accomplishing in our land.

We are now hard at work building our new church. If we only had a parsonage I think I could make the promise that with the beginning of 1886 this church or field might become self-sustaining. I think I can report in my next quarterly report, July 15, that we have raised as a special collection for the debt \$20. This, with Dr. John Hall's amount, makes \$7020.50.

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1885.

Rev. G. H. Chatterton, West Milton,	N. Y.	Rev. H. A. Harlow, Rockland 1st and 2d and	
Rev. P. S. Pettengill, Cannonsville,	"	Livingston Manor,	N. Y.
Rev. J. Rutherford, Apalachin,	"	Rev. V. Pisek, Bohemian,	"
Rev. D. MacDougall, Tauntou,	Mass.	Rev. J. M. Walcott, Piffard,	"
Rev. C. E. Fay, Mineville,	N. Y.	Rev. T. A. Sanson, Argyle,	"

Rev. E. Scofield, East Newark Knox,	N. J.	Rev. W. R. Stewart, Williamsburg,	Low
Rev. B. Smith, Lafayette,	"	Rev. A. Folsom, Williamsburg and Elwood,	Neb.
Rev. H. R. Rundall, Glassboro' and Bunker Hill,	"	Rev. J. K. Harris, Scotia,	"
Rev. George Buckle, Warfordsburg,	Pa.	Rev. E. M. Lewis, Palmyra,	"
Rev. G. Chappel, Little Valley and stations,	"	Rev. D. W. Rosenkrans, Black Bird, Hainesville and Apple Creek,	"
Rev. J. T. Crumrine, Coudersport,	"	Rev. B. Beall, Atkinson,	"
Rev. A. T. Fox, Stewartstown,	"	Rev. G. W. McKenney, Millerboro', Willowdale and Creighton,	"
Rev. G. S. Bell, Wrightsville,	"	Rev. T. Marshall, Synodical missionary,	Mo.
Rev. W. O. Phillips, French Creek, Walkersville, Centreville and Lebanon,	W. Va.	Rev. J. C. Taylor, Kansas City 5th,	"
Rev. S. M. Perry, Ashland,	Md.	Rev. W. B. McElwee, Eureka Springs,	Ark.
Rev. A. B. Cross, Whitehall, Parkton, Aia and vicinity,	"	Rev. T. R. Easterday, Neosho and Westminster,	Mo.
Rev. J. D. Fitzgerald, Baltimore Light St.,	"	Rev. H. R. Lewis, Madison, Spring Hill, Shiloh and Golden City,	"
Rev. W. H. Edwards, Harrington and Felton,	Del.	Rev. W. H. Day, Sedgwick and Birdseye Ridge,	"
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Rev. G. Frazer, D.D., Olivet,	"	Rev. P. A. C. Bradford, Coffeyville,	"
Rev. B. B. Van Nuys, Mountain Mission,	"	Rev. A. S. Sharpless, Mound Valley and Bethel,	"
Rev. S. D. Taylor, Orwell,	Ohio.	Rev. J. Patterson, Long Island, Zion & stations,	"
Rev. D. L. Chapin, Akron,	"	Rev. W. J. Moffatt, Cheever and Willowdale,	"
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Rev. A. H. Holloway, Sabin and Scotland,	"	Rev. J. Reid, Corvallis and Oak Ridge,	"
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ATLANTIC.—*Catawba*—Ben Salem, 75 cts. *East Florida*—Through Rev. A. W. Sproull, 9 36. 10 11
BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Deer Creek Harmony, 23 08; Fallston, 2; Frederick City, 25 94; Taney Town, 40 75. *New Castle*—Dover, 70; Newark, 50; New Castle, 2 35; Port Penn, 11 80; Red Clay Creek, 24 50. *Washington City*—Washington Eastern, 1 50; Assembly (sab-sch. miss. soc., 40), 104. 588 57
COLORADO.—*Boulder*—Valmont, 1 75. *Denver*—Denver 13th Ave., 29 66; Georgetown, 10. *Gunnison*—Poncha Springs, 20. *Pueblo*—Colorado Springs,

178 70; Trinidad 1st, part, 30; West Las Animas, 10
Santa Fé—Albuquerque, 16; Las Vegas Spanish, 10. 296 11
COLUMBIA.—*Idaho*—Spokane Falls, 12; Union, 25. *Oregon*—Brownsville, 9 50; Crawfordsville, 10 50; Octorara, 10 50. *Puget Sound*—Bellingham Bay, 1 20; Nooksack, 8 30. 77 00
DAKOTA.—*Aberdeen*—Castlewood, 4; Estelline, 2; Andover, 5. *Central Dakota*—Blunt (Ladies' Aid Soc., 12 50), 20 50; Pierre, 8 25; Wessington, 2. *Southern Dakota*—Bon Homme Co. Russian, 24 06. 65 81

ILLINOIS.—*Alton*—Bethel, 5; Brighton, 3; Edwardsville (Young People's Mission, 3 85, sub-sch., 2), 11; Jerseyville, 7; Lebanon sub-sch., birthday offering, 6; Salem Ger., 10. *Bloomington*—Bement, 20; Champain, 51 01; Chatsworth, 6 50; Monticello, 6 66; Onarga, 32 50. *Cairo*—Cartersville, 5; Dongolo, 3; Du Quoin, 9 50; Enfield, 8 45; Golconda (Busy Cleaners, 5), 13 75; Mt. Vernon (Ladies' Soc., 6, sub-sch., 1 68), 26 18; Salem, 3. *Chicago*—Hyde Park 1st, 400; Joliet 1st, 20; Peotone, 46 32. *Freeport*—Middle Creek (sub-sch., 19), 71; Ridgefield, 18 45; Rockford Westminster (sub-sch., 5 11), 25 79. *Mattoon*—Prairie Bird, 11; Tower Hill, 11. *Ottawa*—Aurora, 15 25; Oswego, 3. *Peoria*—Canton, 11 31; Henry, 5. *Rock River*—Edgington, 60; Garden Plain, 13; Millersburg, 14; Morrison, 21 30; Newton, 2 82; Peniel, 7 80; Pleasant Ridge, 5 18; Princeton, 60. *Schuyler*—Camp Point, 11; Rushville, 31; Salem Ger., 15. *Springfield*—Manchester, 6 40; Muraysville, 5; Springfield 2d, 162 48; 3d, 10; Winchester, 4 50; Jacksonville State St. (Prentice Fund, 55), 109 75. 1773 90

INDIANA.—*Crawfordsville*—Alamo, 7 66; Colfax, 24; Eugene, 2 50; Lafayette 1st (sub-sch., 2 94), 17 67; Newport, 5; Oxford, 8 70; Pleasant Hill, 2 25; Rossville, 7 85; Zionsville, 2. *Fort Wayne*—Albion, 5; Fort Wayne 1st, 20. *Indianapolis*—Hopewell, 82 75; Indianapolis 12th, 6 50. *Logansport*—La Porte, 90 15; Michigan City, 98 20; Union, 6 40; Valparaiso, 7 93. *Muncie*—Hopewell, 9; Liberty, 10; Muncie, 21; Ferrysburg, 10; Shiloh, 4; Wabash, 6 16; Winchester, 7 05. *New Albany*—Jeffersonville, 40 50; New Albany 1st, 95 55. *Vincennes*—Evansville Grace, 45 95; Petersburg, 40; Saline, 6 50; Upper Indiana, 7 50; Vincennes (sub-sch., 15), 43 88; Washington (sub-sch., 2 11), 14 76. *White Water*—Shelbyville Ger., 8. 728 41

IOWA.—*Cedar Rapids*—Blairstown, 11 20; Cedar Rapids 1st (Hope Chapel, 25), 35; Vinton, 43; Watkins, 3 30. *Council Bluffs*—Afton, 2; Sharon, 5. *Des Moines*—Adel, 9 30; Dexter, 20; Earlham, 9 61; Humeston, 3; Knoxville (sub-sch., 4), 16; Waukee, 5 20. *Dubuque*—Lansing 1st, 16 75; Manchester, 12. *Fort Dodge*—Boone, 7 50; Calliope, 15; Ida Grove sub-sch., 14; Moingona, 4 50; Paton, 4 50; Rolfe, 6 30; Plover, 1 35. *Iowa*—Burlington 1st, 13 85; Chequest, 2; Keokuk Westminster, 66 36; Kossuth 1st, 5 03; Mt. Zion, 3 75. *Iowa City*—Fairview sub-sch., 14; Hermon, 3 16; Marengo, 3. *Waterloo*—Aplington, 2 70; Cedar Valley, 6; Grundy Centre (C. G. Rogers, 5), 17; La Porte City (sub-sch., 2 50), 10 50; Salem (sub-sch., 1 52), 13 29; State Centre, 7 55; Tranquility (sub-sch., 1), 16; Dows, 6. 434 70

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MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Malta Bend, 9; Sharon, 5. *Ozark*—Mt. Zion, 4; El Dorado Springs, 3. *St. Louis*

—Bethel Ger., 3; Ferguson, 7 05; Kirkwood sub-sch., 47; Pleasant Hill, 9 45; St. Louis 2d Ger., 10. 97 50

NEBRASKA.—*Hastings*—Axtel, 4 13; Aurora, 6 60; Hanover, 15; Williamsburg, 1 31. *Kearney*—Burr Oak, 8; Ord, 7 15; Plum Creek, 7; Scotia, 11. *Nebraska City*—Falls City, 3; Plattsmouth, 33 15; Seward, 20. *Niobrara*—Wayne, 20; St. Helena, 2 25; Apple Creek, 3 50; Black Bird, 4; Hainesville, 4 50. *Omaha*—Blair, 15; Columbus (sub-sch., 2 50), 12; Lost Creek, 5; Omaha 2d, 134 50; Omaha Southwest, 17. 334 09

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth 2d, 30 03; New Providence, 20; Pluckamin, 13 63. *Jersey City*—Arlington, 19 55; Jersey City 2d, 20 86; Passaic sub-sch., 6; Rutherford 1st, 37 27. *Morristown*—Farmingdale, 20; Jacksonville, 5; Oceanic, 100; Providence, 5; Whiting and Shamong, 10. *Morris and Orange*—East Orange 1st, 177 78; Morristown 1st, @ 1; South St. (a lady, 20), 70; Orange 2d sub-sch., 6 23; Central Mission Band, 50; South Orange, 94 22; St. Cloud, 150. *Newark*—Bloomfield 1st, a lady, 25; Westminster, @ 114 50; Montclair, 421 40; Newark 1st, 155; Central sub-sch., 50; Memorial, 18; South Park, 446 56. *New Brunswick*—Amwell 2d, 19; Frenchtown, 55; Milford, 24 12; Princeton 1st, 55; Trenton Prospect St., 89 40; Trustees of Bound Brook Church, interest on Steele Legacy, 203 04. *Newton*—Andover, 5 19; Blairstown, 147 98; Hackensettown, 50; Oxford 1st, 75; Yellow Frame, 6 38. *West Jersey*—Absecon, 3; Bridgetown 2d, 47 23; Camden 1st, 36 12; 2d, 23; Cedarville 1st, 16 12; Merchantville sub-sch., 10. 2932 61

NEW YORK.—*Albany*—Ballston Centre, 31 25; Gloversville, 51; Greenbush sub-sch., 9 13; Kingsboro', 18; Northampton, 14 01; Pine Grove (sub-sch., 1 50), 6 69; Stephentowa, 7 78. *Binghamton*—Afton, 8 56; Bainbridge, 20 49; Binghamton 1st, 68 38; Conklin, 9; Coventry 2d, 51; Nicholas, 4; Smithville Flatts, 6 64. *Boston*—Antrim, 17. *Brooklyn*—Brooklyn 1st, 200; Classon Ave., 158 05; Franklin Ave., 50; Lafayette Ave. (sub-sch. Missy's Ass'n), 50, 2399 92. *Buffalo*—Buffalo East, 13; North, 80 42; Glenwood, 5. *Cayuga*—Auburn Central, 54 70; Genoa 1st, 30. *Champlain*—Au Sable Forks and Black Brook, 14 14; Champlain, 27 75; Moores, 11; Peru, 5. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st, 24 67; Watkins, 75 72. *Columbia*—Windham Centre, 46. *Genesee*—Batavia, 210 66; Leroy and Bergen, 7 80; Oakfield, 6 38; Warsaw, 787. *Genesee Valley*—Allegany, 7 50; Bradford, 43 97; Olean, 28 50. *Geneva*—Dresden, 11; Geneva 1st, 44 18; Naples, 27 06; Romulus sub-sch., 30. *Hudson*—Circleville sub-sch., 2 50; Florida 1st, 43 12; Goodwill, 9 62; Greenbush, 6; Montgomery, 108; Port Jervis sub-sch., 15; Rockland 1st, 2; 2d, 3 28; White Lake, 6 50. *Long Island*—Bridgehampton, 45; Southampton, 1; Yaphank, 1. *Lyons*—East Palmyra, 20 10; Wolcott 1st, 10 94. *Nassau*—Bellmore, 7; Islip, 28; Jamaica, 71 54. *New York*—New York Brick, 1112 88; Canal St., 5; 14th St., 88 13; Memorial, 457 86; Scotch, 11 82; Washington Heights, 110; West 23d St., 78. *Niagara*—Lewiston, 15. *North River*—Poughkeepsie, 28 32. *Otsego*—Middlefield Centre, 7 53. *Rochester*—Brighton, 17; Brockport, a member, 20; Livonia, @ (S. G. Woodruff, 20), 34 50; Mount Morris, 27 75; Rochester 3d, 133 45; Central, 102 90; Calvary, 40; Sweden, 23; Victor, 25; Webster, 25. *St. Lawrence*—Potsdam, 185. *Steuben*—Canisteo, 8 36; Jasper, 22 59; Woodhull, 3 50. *Syracuse*—Baldwinsville, part, 30; Liverpool, 3 39; Skaneateles sub-sch., 28; Syracuse Park Central, 200. *Troy*—Bay Road, 5; East Lake George, 5; Middle Granville, 10; Sandy Hill, 24; Troy Oakwood Ave., 19; Park, 75; 2d St., 280 27; Woodside, 245; Waterford, 389 86. *Utica*—Booneville, 19 13; Clinton, 95 09; Oriskany, 15 21; Sauguit, 12; Whitesboro', 17. *Westchester*—Peekskill 1st (sub-sch., 35), 117 13; Potts Memorial, 4 70; Yonkers 1st, 205 06; Westminster (Thanksgiving offering R. E. Prime, 75, sub-sch., 50), 209 07. 11262 63

OHIO.—*Athens*—Cross Roads, 10 52; Gallipolis, 20; Middleport and Cheshire, 26; Nelsonville, 5 27. *Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 9 36; Crestline, 5 58; Urbana, 66 71. *Chillicothe*—Chillicothe Memorial, 2; Frankfort, 6; Mount Pleasant, 12 95; Union, 6; Waverly, 15. *Cincinnati*—Avondale, 93 62; Cincinnati 1st (sub-sch., 43, Pilgrim sub-sch., 20), 100; 7th,

85; Cumminsville, 15 37; College Hill, 39 02; Lebanon, 28; Sharonville, 6; Springdale, 25 17. *Cleveland*—Akron 1st, 10; Cleveland 2d, 417; East Cleveland, 22. *Columbus*—Central College, 21 33; Columbus Westminster, 25; Greencastle, 5; Greenfield, 4; Lancaster, 17 65; Millin, 2 77. *Dayton*—Franklin sab-sch., 17; Springfield 1st, 122. *Huron*—Huron, 20. *Lima*—Harrison, 5; Rockport, 3. *Mahoning*—Ellsworth, 73 40; Youngstown 1st, 183 75. *Marion*—Berlin, 1 55; Genoa, 1 40; Iberia, 10; Liberty, 15; Marion, 42; Mount Gilead (W. M. S.), 19, 39 48. *Marumee*—Tontogany, 5 50. *Portsmouth*—Ripley, 32 25; Russellville, 20 34; West Union, 5. *St. Clairsville*—Caldwell, 3; Concord sab-sch., 32 57; Lore City, 3; Olive, 5 05; Powhattan, 3; Rock Hill, 10 50; Wegee, 5. *Steubenville*—Carrollton, 28; Cross Creek, 5 25; Dell Roy, 7 25; East Springfield, 6 22; Island Creek, 30; Steubenville 2d sab-sch., 125; Two Ridges, 16. *Wooster*—Belleville (sab-sch., 1 34), 8 80; Howell, 15; Savannah, 26 50; Wayne, 3 94. *Zanesville*—Muskingum, 36. 2069 07

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Big Valley, 1 90; Freestone, 1; Napa (sab-sch., 10), 187; Shiloh, 2 15; Tomales, 11. *Sacramento*—Modesto, 20; Sacramento Westminster, 25. *San Francisco*—Concord, 5. 263 05

PENNSYLVANIA.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny 2d, 10 88; North, 243 29; Providence, 60 65; Valley, 2 50; Evans City, 3 50; Fairmount, 8; Freedom, 8; Leetsdale, 91 68. *Blairsville*—Blairsville, 110 42; Conemaugh (sab-sch., 2), 8; Greensburg, 89 63; Unity, 37. *Butler*—Butler, 119; Grove City, 50 63; Summit sab-sch., 2; Sunbury, 15. *Carlisle*—Greencastle, 40; Lower Path Valley, a member, 50; Mercersburg, 42 90; Shermansdale, 5 42; Silver's Spring, 20. *Chester*—Coatesville, 18 98; Honeybrook, 150; Oxford 1st, 150; Phoenixville, 9; Reeseville Trinity, 5. *Clarion*—Clarion, 20 38. *Erie*—Erie 1st, 67 08; Franklin, 79; Georgetown, 5; Hadley, 2; Jamestown, 21; Meadville 1st, 17; North East, 3; Springfield, 3 05; Westminster sab-sch., 5. *Huntingdon*—Altoona 1st, 100; Clearfield, 10; Hollidaysburg (sab-sch., 4 09), 126 56; Lewistown sab-sch., 100; Little Valley (sab-sch., 6 15), 29 74; Logan's Valley, 15; Lower Spruce Creek, 23; Spruce Creek, 193 83; Tyrone, 56 40. *Kittanning*—Bethel (sab-sch., 10), 18; Bolling Spring, 5. *Lackawanna*—Archbald, 5; Dunmore, 25; Kingston, 50 63; Langclyffe, 38 43; Montrose, 50; Rushville, 8; Scranton 1st, 327 42; Green Ridge Ave., 88 50; Stevensville, 8; Sylvania, 10; Troy, @ 5; Tunkhannock, 20 45; South Wilkesbarre sab-sch., 40. *Lehigh*—Easton Brainerd, 335 12; Shenandoah, 5; Stroudsburg, 12 25. *Northumberland*—Buffalo, 50; Mahoning, 124; Millblinburg, 8 86; New Berlin, 20; Washington (sab-sch., 14 70), 72; Watsonstown, 27; Williamsport 2d, 66 68; "Karolus," 2 14. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 2d, 471 19; 10th, 1647 43; Clinton St. Immanuel, @ 17 38. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia Chocksink (sab-sch., 53 55), 188 80; Columbia Ave., 15 09; Northminster, 10; Olivet, 48 36. *Philadelphia North*—Bristol, 75; Frankfort, 30 18; Germantown 2d, 122 29; Leverington, 21; Neshaminy Westminster, Fairview sab-sch., 6 75; Oak Grove sab-sch., 1 50=8 25; Providence, 9. *Pittsburgh*—Canonsburg, 36 73; Hazelwood, 17 06; Montours, 7 75; Pittsburgh 1st, part, 1000; 2d, 24 19; 3d, 1301 26; 4th, 13 42; Wilkinsburg, 166 69. *Redstone*—Dunlap's Creek, 24; Long Run, 28; Mt. Pleasant, 22 86; Mt. Vernon, 5 45; Tyrone, 2 35; West Newton, 38 42. *Shenandoah*—Clarksville, 47 71; Neshannock sab-sch., 51; Pulaski, 9 28. *Washington*—Forks of Wheeling,

1 35; Lower Buffalo, 23 75; Lower Ten Mile, 14 25; Upper Buffalo, 92 53; Upper Ten Mile, 35. *Wellsboro'*—Wellsboro', 17 72. *Westminster*—Centre (sab-sch., 5 67), 20 17; Chestnut Level, 47 32; Leacock (sab-sch., 99 cts.), 38 74; Monaghan Boys' Band, 5; Slate Ridge, 10; York Calvary, 26 83. *West Virginia*—Bethel, 5; Morgantown, 12 37. 9864 82

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Oakland, 6. *Kingston*—Madisonville, 8; Mount Zion, 4. *Union*—Rev. W. H. Lyle, 6 56. 24 56

TEXAS.—*Austin*—New Orleans Ger., 10. *North Texas*—Jacksboro', 5. 15 00

UTAH.—*Montana*—Deer Lodge, 12 00

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—Cumberland, 10. *La Crosse*

—Hixton, 7; La Crosse 1st (sab-sch., 6 26), 10 60.

Lake Superior—Oconto, 25 27; Sault Ste. Marie, 5 30.

Madison—Portage, 6 65; Beloit 1st, 40; Janesville

sab-sch., 33. *Milwaukee*—Beaver Dam 1st, 50; Mil-

waukee Grace, 18 45; Ottawa, 2; Stone Bank, 3.

Winnebago—Robinsonson, 2 34; West Warsaw, 25. 238 61

Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions..... 8,862 39

Total from churches, November, 1885. \$40,887 19

Less amount refunded..... 32 00

LEGACIES.

Legacy of Sam'l Small, dec'd, late of York, Pa., 1000; David Wilson, dec'd, late of Seneca, N. Y., 704 15; Mrs. Margaret Bradford, dec'd, late of Waynesburg, Pa., 200; John Gordon, dec'd, late of Urbana, O., 387 46; Mrs. Mary Walker, dec'd, late of Midway, Pa., 95..... 2,386 61

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Surgeon, U. S. A.," 20; "No name," 3000; Rev. L. C. Gray, Fort Dodge, Iowa, 1; "G. L.," 500; C. Arbutnot, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1000; "Anonymous," 5; J. B. Davidson, Newville, Pa., 10; Rev. R. Craighead, Meadville, Pa., 100; "N. G. M.," 10; Mrs. P. Ferry, Almond, N. Y., 20; Rev. B. Mollenbeck, Borgers Store, Mo., 2; "C. N. Y.," 9; Society of Inquiry of Union Theological Seminary, 35; Rev. J. H. Dinsmore, Shelbyville, Ky., 5; "A friend," Morris, Ill., 25; Rev. A. Fairbairn, Colusa, Cal., 1 30; "Cash," Cleveland, O., 1; Mrs. Julia Treat, Windham, Al., 6; "A. E.," 70; Rev. W. W. Eells, Allegheny, Pa., 30; Mrs. David Carson, Sligo, Mo., 1; Rev. A. H. Laffin, Ferguson, Mo., 5; Through Rev. F. M. Wood, 3 84; Rev. H. H. Dobbins and wife, 171 10; Interest on John C. Green Fund, 662 50; Bowers Legacy, 50; Permanent Fund, 337 50; Benjamin, 245; Garland Trust, 25..... 6,351 24

Total received in November, 1885..... \$49,593 04

Total from April 1, 1885..... 232,842 39

(In Dec. for North La Crosse Ch., La Crosse Presb'y, read La Crescent Ch., Winona Presb'y.)

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RECEIPTS FOR DEBT, NOVEMBER, 1885.

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore 1st, 907 53; 2d, 4. *New Castle*—West Nottingham sab-sch., 45. 956 53

COLORADO.—*Santa Fé*—Phoenix, 6 00

COLUMBIA.—*Oregon*—Salem, 56 15

ILLINOIS.—*Alton*—Sparta, 10; Yankeetown, 4 85. *Bloomington*—Onarga, 15. *Chicago*—Chicago 4th sab-sch., 76 53. *Mattoon*—Shobonier, 4 85; Troy, 6 45. *Peoria*—Eureka, 15 25. *Springfield*—Bates, 10. 142 93

INDIANA.—*Fort Wayne*—Kendallville, 11. *Logansport*—Valparaiso, 40. *Vincennes*—Bethany, 1 65. 52 65

IOWA.—*Council Bluffs*—Marne, 47 cts. *Des Moines*—Centreville 1st sab-sch., 7 70; Dexter sab-sch., 10, four little boys in sab-sch., 6 35=16 35; Knoxville, 5. *Iowa*—Mt. Pleasant 1st, 18. *Waterloo*—Janesville, 5. 52 52

KANSAS.—*Highland*—Marysville, 5 50. *Indian Territory*—Park Hill, 5 75. *Larned*—Ellinwood,

2 25. *Neosho*—Somerset, 3 75. *Topeka*—Olathe 1st, 3 40.
 KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Olivet, 4 99
 MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Birmingham sab-sch., 4; *Detroit Central*, 50; *Jefferson Ave.*, 190; *Howell*, 30. *Kalamazoo*—Plainwell, 5. *Monroe*—Coldwater, Children's Mission Band of Willing Workers, 8. 287 00
 MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Luverne, 6 30. *Northern Pacific*—Kelso, 20. *Pembina*—Forest River, 4 13. *Red River*—Minto, 6 83. 19 56
 MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Kansas City 2d, 170 46. *Ozark*—Joplin, 10 35. 180 81
 NEBRASKA.—*Hastings*—Marquette, 2 50. *Kearney*—Central City W. M. S., 25; *North Platte*, 3. *Niobrara*—Wayne, James House, 12; *St. James*, 3 75. 46 25

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Connecticut Farms, @ J. S. Winans, 3; *Cranford*, 40 07; *Springfield*, 10 10. *Monmouth*—Holmanville, 10; *Lakewood*, a member, 10; *Whiting and Shamong*, 2 50. *Morris and Orange*—Hanover, 87; *Morristown South St.*, 50. *Newark*—Newark 1st, 94 20; *Central sab-sch.*, 200; *High St.*, 36 25. *New Brunswick*—Milford, 5; *Trenton Prospect St.*, 5. *Newton*—Asbury, Mr. and Mrs. E. Runkle, 50, *Daniel Runkle*, 50=100. 653 12

NEW YORK.—*Albany*—West Milton, 8. *Brooklyn*—Brooklyn Throop Ave., 75; *Westminster*, @ 21; *Edgewater 1st*; 2. *Buffalo*—Buffalo North, 104. *Champlain*—Mineville, 7. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st, 5; *Lake St.*, 23 50. *Columbia*—Hunter, 20 25. *Hudson*—Chester sab-sch., 25; *Clarkstown Ger.*, 6 50; *Goodwill*, 32. *Lyons*—Wolcott 1st, 40; *Cash*, 5 10. *New York*—New York 84th St., 20; 5th Ave., @ 50; *Spring St.*, 25. *Niagara*—Mapleton, 5. *North River*—Rondout, 19 88. *Rochester*—Mt. Morris, 3. *St. Lawrence*—Watertown Stone St., 3. *Syracuse*—Elbridge, 5 50; *Syracuse Park Central*, 10. *Troy*—Bay Road, 5; *Waterford*, 200. *Utica*—Sauquoit, 11; *Turin*, 1 50; *Verona*, 25. *Westchester*—Gilead sab-sch., 13; *Rye* (sab-sch., 20), 144 35. 915 58

OHIO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 25 cts.; *Crestline*, 5 28. *Chillicothe*—Union, 2. *Cincinnati*—Avondale sab-sch., 37 87; *Wyoming sab-sch.*, 50. *Cleveland*—Cleveland 2d, 841 75. *Dayton*—Hamilton, 24 97. *Marion*—Iberia, 5. *Maumee*—Tontogany, Mrs. Sarah Condit, 1; *West Unity*, 4. *St. Clairsville*—St. Clairsville, 20. *Steubenville*—Dell Roy Children's Mission Band, 8 66; *Island Creek*, 10. *Wooster*—Congress, 7 62; *Wooster Westminster*, 28. 1046 40

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Calistoga, 5; *Point Arena*, 9;

Vacaville, 3. *Los Angeles*—Arlington, "thank-offering," 4; *Los Angeles 3d*, 16. 36 00

PENNSYLVANIA.—*Butler*—Centre, 24 52; *Middlesex*, 14; *Summit*, 4. *Carlisle*—Silvers' Spring, 5. *Chester*—Downington Central, 12 13; *Faggs Manor*, 22; *Fairview*, 14; *Honeybrook*, 73. *Erie*—Erie 1st, 10; *Girard* (sab-sch., 1 98, M. C. C., 6), 30; *Miles Grove Branch*, 4 30. *Kittanning*—Clinton, 3; *Leechburg*, 25. *Lackawanna*—Newton, 2 14; *West Pittston*, 22 50; *Wyoming sab-sch.*, 4; *East Lebanon Mission*, 6 20. *Lehigh*—Easton Brainerd, 50. *Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d, 4. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia Clinton St. Immanuel, 17 95. *Philadelphia North*—Bristol, 25; *Germantown 2d*, 10. *Pittsburgh*—Monongahela City, a band of six girls, 30 50. *Shenango*—New Carlisle 1st sab-sch., 9 63. 422 87

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Oakland, 4. *Kingston*—Bethel, 6 50; *Centennial*, 3 25; *Eusebia*, 8 20. *Union*—Hebron, 7 10; *Hopewell*, 4 34. 33 39

TEXAS.—*Austin*—Rev. J. C. Ely, 10 00

UTAH.—*Montana*—Deer Lodge, 5 00

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Milwaukee Perseverance, 12 17; *Genoa*, 5 38; *Horicon*, 2 25; *Rev. P. Dougherty*, 5. *Winnebago*—West Merrill, 15. 39 80

Woman's Executive Committee of Home

Missions..... 2,637 61

Total for churches for Debt, Nov., 1885... \$7,626 81

Less amount refunded..... 6 00

\$7,620 81

MISCELLANEOUS.

From a friend, West Hoboken, N. J., 2;
 Mrs. M. S. Kenyon, Buffalo, N. Y., 3;
 Ellen Condit, Pataskala, O., 10; *Isabella A. Laidlaw*, Oxbow, N. Y., 4; "G. L.", 500; *A lady*, White Earth, Minn., 2;
 Grandma Myra Green, Decatur, Ill., 2;
 "F. R. H.," 1 25; *Alex. Gemmell*, Girard, Kan., 100; "H. S. Z.," 20; *Mrs. M. P. Kimball*, Pennsboro', W. Va., 10; *A friend*, 20; *A friend of Home Missions*, 2000; *Rev. G. A. Little*, Muncie, Ind., 10; *Mrs. Albert F. Lyle*, Newark, N. J., 2..... 2,686 25

Total for Debt, November, 1885..... \$10,307 06

Total received for Debt from June 1, 1885, \$83,870 18

RECEIPTS FOR SUSTENTATION, NOVEMBER, 1885.

BALTIMORE.—*New Castle*—Elkton, 20 00

COLORADO.—*Boulder*—Valmont, 43 cts. *Santa Fé*—Phoenix, 1. 1 43

ILLINOIS.—*Alton*—Salem Ger., 2. *Bloomington*—Gibson, 4. *Chicago*—Chicago 3d, 20 96; 5th, 30. *Freeport*—Winnebago 1st, 5. *Springfield*—East Springfield, 5 02; *Springfield 2d*, 1 10. 68 08

INDIANA.—*Logansport*—Mishawaka, 2. *Muncie*—Hopewell, 1; *Perrysburg*, 1; *Shiloh*, 1. 5 00

IOWA.—*Iowa*—Burlington 1st, 2 74; *Keokuk Westminster*, 16 53. 19 27

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Clearwater, 5. *Solomon*—Minneapolis, 15. 20 00

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Louisville Central, 10 00

MICHIGAN.—*Kalamazoo*—Constantine, 1 00

MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—St. Paul Central, 40 25; *Minneapolis Andrew*, 25; *Bethlehem*, 2 43. 67 68

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Nevada, 6. *St. Louis*—St. Louis 2d Ger., 1. 7 00

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabethport, 2; *Pluckamin*, 47 cts. *Jersey City*—Rutherford 1st, 16 08; *Hackensack*, 6. *New Brunswick*—Trenton 4th, 40; *Prospect St.*, 41 48. *Newton*—Blairtown, 19 36; *Musconetcong Valley*, 10; *Yellow Frame*, 1 59. 136 98

NEW YORK.—*Albany*—Stephentown, 4 64. *Binghamton*—Binghamton 1st, 17 09. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st, 6 12. *Genesee Valley*—Almond 1st, 2; *Franklinville*, 5. *Hudson*—Goodwill, 2 39. *Long Island*—Stauket, 8 35; *Mattituck*, 5. *Lyons*—Newark, 2 65. *New York*—4th, 48 13. *North River*—Newburg 1st,

30; *Poughkeepsie*, 7 01. *Otsego*—Gilbertville, 5. *Syracuse*—Oswego 1st, 14 80; *Mexico*, 12 18. *Westchester*—Bedford, 7. 177 36

OHIO.—*Dayton*—Fletcher, 5 10. *Marion*—Iberia, 1. 6 10

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Vacaville, 4. *Los Angeles*—San Buenaventura, 5. 9 00

PENNSYLVANIA.—*Butler*—Amity, 3 05; *Grove City*, 12 56. *Northumberland*—Williamsport 2d, 1 35. *Philadelphia*—Chambers, 27. *Philadelphia Central*—Temple, 20. *Pittsburgh*—Pittsburgh 3d, 100; 2d, 4 84. 168 80

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—Ottawa, 50

Total receipts for November, 1885..... 718 20

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LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretaries,

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE PARTIES UNDER OBLIGATION TO AID IN FURNISHING A MINISTRY.

1. Each individual church. It is the law of all life to produce the means for its own propagation. The tree was made "to bear fruit after its kind wherein is the seed thereof;" and this seed carries the germ for future growths. And no less operative ought this law to be in the realm of spiritual life. Here too it is expected that the trees of righteousness shall be fruitful towards multiplying themselves. And how is this to be done? This seed is said to be the word. But this word would be likely to lie idle in the written letter, unless it were disseminated by those in whose souls it had been quickened. In a very important sense, therefore, the sower and the seed in this instance are one. And such seed it is the duty, and should be the interest, of every church to aid in providing by some means in order to the spread of the Church. Otherwise its life may be said to be barren. It lives unto itself. It takes no pains for its increase and extension. It receives but does not give. When its pulpit becomes vacant, it counts on being supplied from abroad without having contributed by men or means towards raising up this supply. And of such selfish conduct are large numbers of our churches guilty. They ignore this primary obligation of all life, and refuse to aid in furnishing and educating those whose business it shall be to proclaim God's truth and labor for converting the wilds of the world into gardens of the Lord.

2. The duty is incumbent on every minister to see that he has successors in his calling. The minister is a steward of heavenly gifts which were intended for the benefit of all mankind. He does not, therefore, adequately discharge his trust unless he takes care to raise up those who shall enter into his labors and carry on his work when he has gone, as go he will sooner or later. The holiest of prophets do not live forever. Hence Elijah seeks out an Elisha, and invests him with his spirit; Paul begets a son Timothy through the gospel he instructs him in, and so prepares one to take his place. This is the true apostolic succession. And yet we have known ministers who have served for twenty or thirty years in their calling, and have confessed that in all that time they had never made efforts to induce a single young man to follow their example. This, we say earnestly to our brethren, is not good stewardship. There are few thoughts more precious to comfort ourselves with when we go hence to render up our account than that through our instrumentality there are some coming after us to reap the harvests of the seed we have sown, and carry up the walls for which we have laid the foundations. We know of some who have this blessing in store.

Some very felicitous observations on this subject we present in an article clipt from *The Presbyterian* of December 5, written by Prof. Robert Ellis Thompson, from a Scotchman's point of view, entitled

LIFTING OR LEANING.

BY PROFESSOR ROBERT ELLIS THOMPSON.

In Scotland it is, or used to be, not unusual for a corpse to be carried from the house to the graveyard on men's shoulders. At one of these interments a worthy man complained of the weight of the burden. "What," said his neighbor, "do you lift? I aye lean!"

The difference between lifting and leaning is very important in church matters.

There are churches in which the people lean and the minister does all the lifting, beyond their contribution to an ill-paid and insufficient salary; but these are not so plenty as they used to be. And there are churches which are quite content to have other churches do a good deal of lifting while they do the leaning. This is true in one matter which is not thought of as a matter of church obligation, but which is so. I mean the supply of the ministry. As a professor who preaches at one time or another in a great number of churches, and who am interested naturally in the future of the young men who graduate from our university, I have been much struck with the differences among churches in this respect. I was brought up in a church in which I was the thirty-first of the membership who had gone to the theological seminary to prepare for preaching the gospel. I can point to other churches of equal strength in numbers, wealth and even spiritual life, where it is not known to elders I have questioned that a single one of its members has given himself to this work. And what makes the difference is that these latter churches never have felt their responsibility for their share of preachers of the gospel. They have drawn on other churches for their supply of pastoral force, but they never have given a pastor to any other church.

It will be said that the call to the ministry is a divine call, and that a church cannot be held responsible if that call has not come to any, or but few, of its membership. I answer that the call to the work of the ministry is no more divine than that call which awakens sinners out of trespasses and sins; and yet we all acknowledge that we have some responsibility with reference to the latter reaching those for whom it is meant. The Spirit of God converts sinners, but the working of his grace is very closely connected with human faithfulness in witnessing to the truth of God in our lives and our words. If a church were to report no additions to its numbers and membership, we would not be satisfied to have it plead that the sovereign grace of God had been withheld, and therefore conversions were not to be expected. We should all say that something was wrong in that church. We all feel the truth in that answer of the Highlander to his master, which Mr. Carlyle was so fond of quoting: "Aweel, Donald, God will put a' things right!" "Aye, but we must help him to put them right!" He calls us to help in converting sinners; why not also in calling men to the ministry?

I have noticed that very much depends on the pastor of a church in this matter. Some pastors wait to have the question broached to them by the young men of their churches. Others take it for granted that it is their duty to press the claims of the ministry upon every young man whose measure of gifts and graces seems to designate him as having any marked degree of fitness for the work of preaching the gospel. They press it upon the attention of rich and poor alike, and at times upon those who are much more advanced in years than would be thought likely to give heed. One of the best preachers our church sent out was a grocer and a married man, when the pastor had his attention called to his gifts by hearing him teach a Sunday-school class. A granduncle of President Cleveland's was ordained in his sixtieth year, and was spared for long years of effective work, dying within a fortnight of his hundredth birthday.

My earliest years were spent under the loving care of a pastor who came from a church where it was popularly said they must have a mill for grinding out ministers. In our own congregation every elder had named one of his sons after the previous pastor, Rev. George Hay. I believe that George Hay Stuart is the only one of those sons who did not become a minister of the gospel, and it seems to have come very near to him also. In both these Irish congregations it was the strong and faithful personal interest the pastor took in the young men of the church which bore this good fruit. And what one man can do others can do. Every minister lies under the injunction from the Master himself, to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest. How can he pray this if his acts do not fit themselves to his prayers?

Next to pastoral influence that of the household comes in its efficacy to work for God in calling pastors. Mothers especially have made more pastors from the days of Timothy and Augustine to our own than any other human agency. But the whole atmosphere of the household should work to the same end. Christian ministers will not come naturally out of homes where there is but little esteem of the ministry as a service of God. Nor will they come easily out of homes in which there is a general and abstract esteem for the ministry, but a contemptuous or faultfinding spirit towards the particular minister under whose pastorate the family finds itself. But they come naturally from homes where there is cherished something of that old-fashioned respect for the ministerial office and those who fill it, which this generation thinks it has

risen above, but has only sunk below. We are becoming too clever by half to believe that the minister stands for any one but himself, or that there is any one who especially resents scorn of his person or his work. But we have not succeeded in wiping out of the old Bible by any revision the plain declarations to that effect. And we are not drawing our young men into the work of the ministry, by representing its awful responsibilities as unaccompanied by any especial sacredness or security in those who undertake them. The minister as the ambassador of Christ, and regarded by him who sent him as his deputy and representative, is the Bible picture of the office, which is meant to draw to the work those whom the Master wishes to have brought into it.

There are limits, however, to the right use of household influences over young men in this matter of drawing them to the work of the ministry. It should be a drawing, and not a driving. The near and precious influence of even a mother may be over-exercised in this matter, and the rights of a son freely to choose his own profession in life may be practically denied to his injury, when it is held before him as an absolute duty, apart from any drawing he feels in his own heart, and when he is made to understand that those who stand the nearest to him, and whose opinion he has learned to value the most, will regard him as a sort of apostate if he do not take up this great work. Then there has been an overuse of influence. Personality has sacred and inviolable rights against even the most privileged influence drawing it toward the greatest decision. God will have his to be a willing people in the day of his power. He will not have even conversions to his kingdom made by any means but those which regard the rights of personal volition. Much more will he have those who enter upon his especial service do so freely and with gladness, while with trembling. And it is to be feared that the excessive use of home and parental influence has at times the result of bringing to this work some whom God never called to it, and who might have served him much more effectively and happily in some other path in life.

The whole congregation should feel and show an interest in such of its young men as are giving themselves to the preparation for this work. These young men should be made to feel that it is a matter in which their fellow members have an interest, and that those who know them in their outward walk and conversation approve their purpose, and are sustaining them by their especial and united prayers. And I venture to suggest that it would be in keeping with the fitness of things if the aid given to such as needed help in their time of study and preparation came to them from the church with which they are more immediately connected without any public display of the amount of such gifts. Help could be given them quietly and unobtrusively, so as to excite no feeling of dependence in the most sensitive. This was done before there was a Board of Education, and is still done in some of the smaller bodies of Presbyterians who have no such Board.

RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER, 1885.

ATLANTIC.—*Catawba*—Ben Salem sch., 75 cts.; Concord, 5. *Fairfield*—Hermon, 2 91. *Yadkin*—Chapel Hill, 1; Oakland, 1 42; Wilson, 2 40. 13 48

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore 2d, 80 40; Baltimore Broadway, 67 30; Baltimore Brown Memorial, 61 57; Emmitsburg, 25 72; Piney Creek, 14; Taney Town, 16 25. *New Castle*—Chesapeake City, 15; Cool Spring, 3 50; Elkton, 28. *Washington City*—Washington North, 2 83; Washington Unity, 6 66. 321 23

COLORADO.—*Boulder*—Valmont, 49 cts. *Denver*—Denver Central, 15; Georgetown, 5. *Pueblo*—Monument, 6 30; Table Rock, 4. 30 79

COLUMBIA.—*Oregon*—Jacksonville, 7 85; Rev. M. A. and Mrs. Williams, 2. *Puget Sound*—Seattle 1st, 3. 12 85

ILLINOIS.—*Alton*—Carlyle, 5; Greenville, 3 70; Hillsboro', 9; Plum Creek, 3 20; Salem Ger., 5; Sugar Creek, 1 50; Trenton, 1 80; Waveland, 2; Yankeetown, 2 50. *Bloomington*—Bement 1st, 10 05; Champaign, 28 77; Hoopston, 7; Monticello, 6 33. *Cairo*—Alto Pass, 2; Anna, 8 25; Cairo, 5 05; Carmi 1st, 12 75; Cobden, 8; Enfield, 5 05; Golconda, 5; Mt. Vernon, 6; Shawneetown, 15. *Chicago*—Austin, 2 25; Chicago 3d, 8 39; Chicago Holland, 2; Wheeling Ger., 5. *Freeport*—Freeport 3d Ger., 5; Linn and Hebron, 5; Winnebago 1st, 5; Rev. John Currier, 5. *Mattoon*—Kansas, 9; Tuscola, 7. *Ottawa*—Aurora

1st, 9 75. *Peoria*—French Grove, 2; Galesburg, 11 21; Peoria 1st, 14 09; Salem, 6; Yates City, 6. *Rock River*—Garden Plain, 2 50; Munson, 4 30; Newton, 5; Princeton, 19; Rock Island Broadway, 14 75. *Schuyler*—Appanouse, 3; Bardolph, 2 70; Ebenezer, 10 40. *Springfield*—Greenview 1st, 3; Jacksonville State St., account Prentice Fund, 55; Jacksonville Westminster, 12; Lincoln, 3; Springfield 2d, 2. 392 31

INDIANA.—*Crawfordsville*—Beulah, 1 40; Lafayette 2d, 63 75; Newtown, 9; Rock Creek, 1; Rockfield, 1 50; Thornstown, 2 68. *Fort Wayne*—Fort Wayne 1st, 20; La Grange, 3; Lima, 7 50; Ossian, 7 80. *Indianapolis*—Indianapolis Tabernacle, 7. *Logansport*—Monticello, 11 15. *Muncie*—Wabash, 1 72. *Vincennes*—Terre Haute Central, 31 60; Upper Indiana, 11 25; Rev. H. A. Dodge, 2. *White Water*—Brookville, 6 60. 188 95

IOWA.—*Cedar Rapids*—Anamosa 1st, 3 55; Linn Grove, 4 34; Mt. Vernon, 15 67. *Council Bluffs*—Marne, 3; Shelby, 6; Walnut, 3. *Dubuque*—Lansing Ger., 8; McGregor Ger., 17. *Fort Dodge*—Battle Creek, 8; Boone 1st, 4; Dana, 2; Grand Junction, 7 63; Rippey, 1; Livermore, 2 50; Irvington, 1. *Iowa*—Burlington 1st, 2 93; Keokuk Westminster, 15 77; Morning Sun, 12 10; Mt. Pleasant Ger., 11; New London, 2 50. *Iowa City*—Crawfordsville, 2 50;

Hermon, 3; Ladora, 3 20; Unity, 5. *Waterloo*—Wil-
liams, 2 50. 147 19
KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Arkansas City, 20. *Highland*
—Effingham, 4; Hiawatha 1st, 8; Troy, 8. *Indian*
Territory—Achena, 1 15; Wealaka, 5; Wewoka, 7;
Whelock, 1. *Larned*—Halstead 1st, 6; Larned, 9;
Leesburg, 3. *Neosho*—Elk City, 5; Fort Scott, 27 25;
Princeton, 2 20; Richmond, 2. *Osborne*—Oberlin, 2.
Topeka—Leavenworth 1st, 15; Wyandotte, 22 42
148 12
KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Dayton, 4 70; Greenup, 4;
Paris, 6. *Louisville*—Pewee, 11. 25 70
MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Detroit Jefferson Ave., 50.
Kalamazoo—Kalamazoo North, 2. *Lansing*—Tekon-
sha, 6; Windsor, 3. *Monroe*—Tecumseh 1st, 28.
89 00
MINNESOTA.—*Pembina*—Westminster, 7. *St. Paul*
—Minneapolis Andrew, 43 60; Minneapolis Bethle-
hem, 4 22; Wilmar, 2 75. 57 57
MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Butler, 8; Holden, 12; Kansas
City 3d, 2; Nevada, 4. *Palmyra*—Brookfield, 11 50.
Platte—New Point, 2 35; Oregon, 1 25. *St. Louis*—
Rock Hill, 3; St. Louis 2d Ger., 2; Zoar, 10. 56 10
NEBRASKA.—*Niobrara*—Wayne, 7. *Kearney*—Kear-
ney, 16 54; North Loup, 4 05; Wilson, 8 73. *Nebraska*
City—Beatrice, 13; Fairmount, 5 50; Humbell, 4;
Wahoo, 2. *Omaha*—Blackbird Hills, 2; Fremont 1st,
5 81; Lyons, 3; Omaha 2d, 35; Schuyler, 4 63.
110 66
NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Elizabeth Madison Ave.,
6; Lower Valley, 5; Perth Amboy, 17 75; Plainfield
Crescent Ave., 150; Pluckamin, 2 35. *Jersey City*—
Hackensack, 5; Paterson 3d, 7. *Monmouth*—River-
ton Calvary, 1; Lakewood, 14; Manasquan, 12 78;
Mt. Holly, 13 30. *Morris and Orange*—Madison,
57 30; Morris Plains, 5; Summit Central, 76 32.
Newark—Newark 3d, 86 12. *New Brunswick*—Pen-
nington, 11 87; Trenton 2d, 5. *Newton*—Andover,
3 23; Musconetcong Valley, 10; Stillwater, 10; Yel-
low Frame, 1 78. *West Jersey*—Woodbury, 60 70.
561 50
NEW YORK.—*Albany*—Albany 3d, 12 10; Broad-
albin, 5; Gloversville, 31. *Binghamton*—Binghamton
1st, 23 93; Binghamton West, 5; Conklin, 3; Waverly
1st, 41. *Boston*—Quincy, 4; South Ryegate, 2.
Chemung—Dundee, 8 50; Elmira 1st, 6 87; Elmira
Lake St., 7 18. *Columbia*—Austerlitz, 1; Catskill,
52 43; Spencertown, 2. *Genesee*—Wyoaming, 8 86.
Genesee Valley—Centreville, 1; Portville, 19; Rush-
ford, 2. *Geneva*—Manchester, 7; Peun Yan, 30 53;
Romulus, 25. *Hudson*—Chestor, 24; Circleville, 5;
Cochection, 11; Goodwill, 2 68; Ridgebury, 25 cts.
Lony Island—Middletown, 7 27; Southampton, 32;
Yapiank, 7. *Lyons*—East Palmyra, 10 92; William-
son, 4 40; Wolcott 1st, 9 47. *New York*—New York
Covenant, in part, 168 05; New York 4th, 46 80; New
York Madison Sq., 491; New York Washington
Heights, 5; New York West, 467 80. *Niagara*—
Carlton, 3. *North River*—Cornwall, 7 10; Pough-
keepsie, 7 88; Pleasant Valley, 15. *Otsego*—New
Berlin, 1; Unadilla, 5 28. *Rochester*—Brookport,
18 96; Honeoye Falls, 6. *St. Lawrence*—Watertown
Stone St., 14. *Steuben*—Canisteo, 7 52. *Syracuse*—
Skaneateles, 7. *Ulica*—Booneville, 13; Martinsburg,
3 15; Turin, 4. *Westchester*—Bethany, 10; Bridge-
port 1st, 32 92; Irvington, 43 93; Mahopac Falls,
8 18; Peekskill 1st, 35 95; Thompsonville 1st, 11 27;
Yonkers Westminster, 41 53. 1887 71
OHIO.—*Athens*—Gallipolis, 10. *Bellefontaine*—
Bellefontaine 1st, 2 60; Crestline 1st, 5 25; Rushsyl-
vania, 5; Urbana 1st, 17 95. *Chillicothe*—Bloom-
burg, 11 62; Frankfort, 5 51; Waverly, 2. *Cincinnati*
—Cincinnati Mt. Auburn, add'l, 21 98. *Cleveland*—
Akron 1st, 3; Beckwith, 10; East Cleveland, 6;
Streetsboro, 3 25. *Dayton*—Clifton, 20 43; Dayton
1st, 11 06; Middletown, 20 50; South Charleston,
10 17; Xenia, 25. *Lima*—Turtle Creek, 2. *Mahoning*
—Brookfield, 4 75; East Palestine, 6 94; New Lis-
bon, 17; Poland, 10. *Marion*—Brown, 3 25; Marys-
ville, 6 52; Richmond, 3; West Berlin, 2; York, 3.
Maumee—Weston, 4. *Portsmouth*—Buckeye, 2; Fel-
icity, 4; Jackson, 8; Manchester, 8; Portsmouth 1st,
58; Red River, 6. *St. Clairsville*—Bellaire 2d, 7; Mt.
Pleasant, 11 76. *Steubenville*—Bethlehem, 5; East
Springfield, 5 63; Waynesburg, 6. *Wooner*—Apple
Creek, 7 50; Ashland, 20 88; Bellville (sau-sch.), 1,

5 12; Canal Fulton, 7; Fredericksburg, 14 50; Mil-
lersburg, 5. *Zanesville*—Dresden, 8 20; Granville,
7 35; High Hill, 2; Madison, 12 85; Mt. Zion, 5 30;
Newark Salem Ger., 2 25; West Carlisle, 5; Zanes-
ville 1st, 13; Zanesville Putnam, 18 50; Rev. John
Pitkin, 5. 514 62
PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Mendocino, 5 75; Ukiah (sab-
sch., 65 cts.), 6. *Los Angeles*—Pasadena, 10; San
Buenaventura, 19; Santa Ana, 3 50; Tustin, 2 50.
Sacramento—Sacramento Westminster, 25. 71 75
PENNSYLVANIA.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny Central,
add'l, 4 74; Allegheny McClure Ave., 26 04; Cross
Roads, 10; Evans City, 3; Rochester, 5; Tarentum,
8; West Bellevue, 5 25. *Bairsville*—Braddock, 24.
Butler—Amity, 4 26; Centreville, 11 07; Grove City,
14 11; Mt. Nebo, 6 38; New Salem, 4; Sunbury, 10;
Rev. W. J. Hazlett, 2. *Carlisle*—Rocky Spring, 1 50;
Shermansdale, 2 71; St. Thomas, 4 60. *Chester*—East
Whiteland, 6; Fairview, 9; Phoenixville, 6 10. *Clar-*
ion—Leatherwood, 6; Licking, 2 96; New Bethle-
hem, 6 75; Punxsutawney, 5. *Erie*—Fredonia, 7;
Georgetown, 1; Harmonsburg, 2; 41 City 1st, 31 74;
Titusville, 43 57. *Huntingdon*—Bethany, 10; Orbi-
son, 3 50. *Kittanning*—East Union, 1; Rural Val-
ley (sab-sch., 1 50), 6; Smicksburg, 2 63; West Glade
Run, 8 29. *Lackawanna*—Carbondale 1st, 28 28;
Great Bend, 9 41; Langcylffe, 23; Little Meadows,
2 83; Monroeton, 2 25; Orwell, 3 91; Towanda,
74 56. *Lehigh*—Reading 4st, 47 23. *Northumber-*
land—Lycoming Centre, 11; Mahoning, 50 30; Montours-
ville, 2; Shamokin 1st, 12; Williamsport 2d, 5 60.
Philadelphia—Philadelphia 2d, 25; Philadelphia 9th,
45 50; Philadelphia Calvary, add'l, 20; Philadelphia
South, 31 30. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia
Kensington, 38; Philadelphia Oxford, 95 29; Phila-
delphia Princeton, 182 06. *Philadelphia North*—
Frankford, 12 43; Mt. Airy, 15 23. *Pittsburgh*—
Centre, 14; Hazlewood, 12 94; Mansfield, 11 58; Oak
Dale, 36 50; Pittsburgh 2d, 5 65; Pittsburgh 3d,
add'l, 5; Pittsburgh 7th, 10; Racoon, 43. *Redstone*
—McKeesport 1st, 36 72; Mt. Pleasant Reunion, 10;
Mt. Vernon, 3 20; New Providence, 7; Tent, 8.
Shenango—Leesburg, 7 60; Little Beaver, 3 84; Ma-
honing, 7 50; Rich Hill, 4 10; West Middlesex, 5 25.
Washington—Mt. Prospect, 13; Wellsburg, 6 13.
Wellsboro—Wellsboro' 1st, 3 44. *Westminster*—
Chestnut Level, 10 53; Middle Octorara, 7 25; Slate
Ridge, 9; Wrightsville, 6. *West Virginia*—French
Creek, 7 95; Morgantown, 9; Sugar Grove, 3. 1282 47
TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—Oakland, 4 45. *Kingston*—
Bethel, 5. *Union*—New Market, 8 50. 17 95
WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—La Crosse 1st sab-sch.,
2 10. *Lake Superior*—Florence, 12. *La Crosse*—
Neillsville, 5. *Milwaukee*—Milwaukee Calvary, 42;
Ottawa, 56 cts. *Madison*—Janesville 1st, 13. *Win-*
nebago—Appleton Memorial, 8 34; Fort Howard,
3 93. 86 93
Total receipts from churches and Sabbath-
schools in November, 1885..... \$6,083 06
LEGACIES.
Estate of Geo. A. Perkins, Athens, Pa., 25;
Estate of Lefferd Haughawout, 500; Es-
tate of John Gordon, Urbana, O., 105 01. 630 01
REFUNDED.
Returned from D., 25; Rev. Geo. S. Hays,
180..... 205 00
MISCELLANEOUS.
"R.," 25; "C. N. Y.," 2; Rev. W. W.
Eells, 15; Alex. Guy, M.D., Oxford, O.,
on account of note, 400..... 442 00
Total receipts in November, 1885..... \$7,360 07
Total receipts from April 15, 1885..... 44,507 59
NOTE.—The credit of \$31 in October Record from
Morris Vineyard ch., Los Angeles Pres., was an error.
Should have been Los Angeles 3d ch. instead.
JACOB WILSON, Treasurer,
1334 Chestnut St., Phila.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

DIED.—We learn with great regret the death of the Rev. John Butler, of Ningpo, China. He died on the 12th of October of cholera, at Chinkiang, on his return with his family from the annual meeting of the missionaries at Nanking. The oldest of his two little boys died on the same day of the same illness. Mr. Butler died at the age of forty-seven. He was one of the ablest and best of missionaries with whom we have become acquainted; but the ways of the Lord are surely right ways. Great sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Butler and her son, about five years old. We regret sincerely to hear also of the death of Miss Sara M. Coffman, at Cannonsburg, Penna., November 28, late a member of the mission in Siam, a devoted and beloved missionary.

NEW MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. Thomas W. Roberts has sailed for Liberia. He is a native African, of the Vey tribe, a graduate of Lincoln University, and a member of the Presbytery of Chester. James Junkin, M.D., and his wife, of Columbus, O., who were connected with Creek mission work in 1851-2, have been appointed to the Seminole mission; and at their own instance they expect to labor without other salary than their support as members of the mission family, now consisting of several teachers and about sixty boarding scholars.

MISSIONARIES RETURNED.—The Rev. David Thompson and his family have returned to this country from Japan. The members of the Japanese little church in San Francisco warmly welcomed their arrival, and it is understood that they will spend two or three months in that city before coming on to their friends in the eastern part of Ohio.

THE NEWS FROM AFRICA will be read with interest. See Messrs. Gault and Campbell's letters in this number of the *Record*. The French restriction on our work is not less. It seems to be settled that German jurisdiction will include the coast from the Camaroon mountains to the river Campo, a little north of Benita—if not including that station. This will embrace most of the population for which the Benga language can be used. This language has been reduced to a written form by the missionaries, and already contains parts of the Scriptures and other Christian books. Mr. De Heer's translation of "Pilgrim's Progress" into Benga will soon be printed by a special donation for the purpose.

NEW CONVERTS BAPTIZED.—The letters acknowledged below speak of fourteen new communicants admitted to the church in two villages near Chiengmai by Mr. Martin, while on a missionary journey. Mr. Gault also mentions the baptism of twelve converts at Banaka, on his visit there from Benita.

LATEST DATES TO DECEMBER 15.—From the Omaha mission, November 20; Nez Perces, November —; Tokio, November 16; Osaka, November 6; Seoul, October 27; Nanking, October 29; Ningpo, October 28; Shanghai, November 2; Canton, November 1; Chiengmai, September 29; Saharunpore, October 20; Furrukhabad, November 3; Allahabad, November 11; Kolapore, August 29; Tabriz, October 22; Monrovia, October 8; Benita, October 5; Gaboon, October 16; Parana, October 2; Valparaiso, October 17; San Francisco, December 5.

RECEIPTS: MAY 1—NOVEMBER 30, SEVEN MONTHS.

	From churches.	Individual donors.	Bequests.	Total.
In 1885.	\$136,018	\$43,291	\$82,688	\$261,995
For comparison—				
In May—Nov., 1884.	106,135	39,678	74,666	220,480

1885—1886.

We pass from one year to another under perhaps nearly the usual conditions of our work and life. We mourn over the friends of our cause who have been called away by death, in the field and at home—two missionaries, a secretary, many devoted servants of Christ. Blessed are they forever! We rejoice at the still open fields of labor, and the great encouragement given in the missionary work notwithstanding some discouragements. We are glad to report a goodly number of young men of good promise in the theological seminaries preparing to enter on this work, if the Lord will. We note with thanksgiving the good gifts of many donors to this work of the Lord. We add no different word—no *but* to these brief notes.

Yet we may add the good hope that the Lord will enlarge the pecuniary ability, if it be his will, and at any rate the loving disposition, of his redeemed people, so that the support of this work for Christ our Saviour, and for souls still in darkness, may be greatly increased during the new year. May it prove to be a year of blessing to this cause, and of personal blessings to all its friends at home and abroad!

RESPONSIBILITY IN GIVING.

On whom does it rest? On the donor himself, as the steward of God. He may be aided, however, in fulfilling this duty in various ways, depending on providential circumstances. In our general church work, the work of our boards, much depends on the recommendation and approval of our church courts, especially of the General Assembly; but this conceded, there remains the question, in what way can the responsibility of *pleading for giving* in aid of approved objects be best arranged? Various ways of soliciting aid for foreign missions, for example, have been suggested. One of the most common is to place this responsibility on the boards or on their secretaries, and great satisfaction is sometimes expressed at their success in getting funds for this cause.

But the true and the expedient theory rests the duty of soliciting pecuniary support for our cause mainly on the churches themselves—their ministers, elders and intelligent lay members. We need not state this merely as an opinion. It has been often so declared by our presbyteries, synods and general assemblies. But our aim now is to confirm this view by appealing to the Board's own history.

Down to the year 1853 the Board followed the collecting agency system of the times in seeking funds for the missions. The true theory, held by many from the first, was at length adopted by the Board and by the Church, and in that year this plan was discontinued; but it was not until 1855 that it was practically ended, only \$300 having been expended for "agency;" and in 1869 this item of expense was but \$126. In the latter case and partly in the former these sums were expended for the visits of the executive officers to synods and the General Assembly. In 1855, the new and true idea being in full force, the gifts from the living members of the Church were \$110,706, or an average of 47 cents to each communicant. In 1869 these gifts were \$319,188, making an average of \$1.19 to each; and this large advance was gained by almost steady steps from year to year. It was reached also in the face of great difficulties—the financial crisis in the country of 1857; the withdrawal of the southern churches in 1861–2, lessening the Board's income about \$35,000, and only slightly lessening its expenses for the missions; the monetary disturbances in our currency for several years. This advance was also reached by no very "popular" influences from 23 Centre Street. A good deal of faithful work was certainly done—in the correspondence, use of the press, sending out of missionaries; but for five years to 1865 there were two secretaries, and from that year to his death in 1863 the then senior secretary was hardly equal to his former vigorous work, owing to his advanced age, and he drew little salary, some years none. The third secretary from 1865, and the second during the whole period, would hardly have been spoken of in the terms of laudation unhap-

pily sometimes used of late; but the executive work of the Board was fulfilled to the satisfaction of its supporters, if the growing receipts and the large progress of the missions may be accepted as bearing on the case. The real secret of the Board's progress in these fifteen years, so far as its pecuniary support is concerned, was in the great fact that our brethren—ministers, elders and laymen—to so great an extent regarded the work as their own. True, there were too many excepted cases—sad instances of omissions far too many—but on the whole there was the progress shown in this brief review—progress marked and truly encouraging.

One inference may be drawn from the statement here given, and but one now. It is that the main hope of success in the financial matters of the Board rests on the churches themselves.

We append the statistics of the later years—from 1872 to 1885—which include the work of the women's boards. This is a period of fourteen years, as compared with the fifteen years above mentioned. (The years 1870, 1871 have to be omitted, owing to the changes in statistics at reunion.) In the year 1872 the gifts of the living members of the Church were \$377,497, or about 80 cents on the average to each communicant. In 1885 the sum of \$581,067 was received from the same source, or about 90 cents to each.

On a survey of the subject, we close with thanksgiving and hope; but we think that with the aid of divine grace our people can and will reach a higher average standard of giving than has yet been generally attained.

J. C. L.

MISSION HOSPITALS OR DISPENSARIES.

As medical missionaries, men or women, are happily increasing in number, there is the greater propriety in their having clear views of the work set before them and its methods. Their purely professional occupation is of course much the same abroad as at home, and is of great importance. It relieves suffering and often soothes death itself, and so it prepares the way for the reception of the gospel—at least it tends to remove obstacles and to conciliate attention. But no missionary board sends out medical men merely as physicians, nor even chiefly as such. Their highest office is that of religious teachers or lay evangelists, for which office their humane work gives them many opportunities.

Now hospitals, which most young missionary physicians seem often so ready to establish, while having distinctive advantages, and in some places of almost indispensable use, are apt to be attended with serious drawbacks. They keep the doctor in one place. They engross his attention on comparatively a few persons. They involve large expense. They leave him little time, if largely attended, for his spiritual service to those whose far greatest need is that of knowing Christ, the great Physician. But dispensaries are more manageable, if the word may be used, and they may be so conducted as to give relief to great numbers of suffering people; while they do not, or at any rate they need not, prevent the medical missionary from fulfilling his greatest work—that of pointing perishing souls to their Saviour. We do not aim at any complete statement of this subject; but these thoughts may lead to some study of the case. They are stated the more freely because they express the views of two of our oldest and most respected medical missionaries.

A VISIT FROM BENITA TO A NORTH STATION, WEST AFRICA.

The Rev. W. C. Gault, writing at Benita, October 5, 1885, on returning from a visit to the church of Banaka, up the coast, sends us the following narrative. It is one of much interest and encouragement. Its concluding paragraphs as to the German jurisdiction and the hope of now reaching the interior of Africa from the coast north of Benita will possess special interest to many of our readers.

Mrs. Gault and I returned home last Thursday P. M. (October 1), after a seven-and-a-half-days absence. We were favored with an opportunity for visiting Banaka and the church there. I have tried, time and again, to get a passage in one of the trade cutters which sails to that place, and, although refused or disappointed several times, I have persisted until at last I succeeded.

The cutter came on Tuesday P. M., September 22, and a letter from one of the traders at Bata, in which he said that the cutter was at our disposal for a trip north, and for us to start that night. It was rather short notice for a journey of that kind, but we immediately began our preparations. About midnight, when we had finished our preparations, we thought we needed to take our rest before starting. The next morning we began our journey, which proved to be a rather tedious one, especially in going north, as we did not reach Banaka until Thursday evening. The cutter was anchored shortly after sunset; but, owing to the slowness of the people, we did not get ashore until after 9 P. M.

A German trader, whom I had met occasionally, kindly sent us an invitation to lodge at his place for the night. We chose to do so rather than wait and oversee the carrying of our effects to the little "mission house," then find our own supper and arrange our own bed; and having eaten but little during the last two days, we were fatigued and not in a very good condition to provide for ourselves. We were comfortably provided for, and soon sought our much-needed rest. Soon after we retired the rain began to fall very heavily, and we were very thankful that we were in such comfortable quarters; for had we still been on the cutter, we would have found the little 6 x 7 x 6 cabin a very uncomfortable place, especially with the door and all the air-holes shut up to prevent the rain from coming in.

The following morning, after getting settled at the little house where we were to stay during the time we should be there, we found that we would not have much time remaining for session meetings; but we called a meeting at once, and began the work. We found the state of the church much better than when we were there in the month of November of last year. Seven of those who were suspended at that time were restored, they having lived exemplary lives since that time. Several others of those suspended last year asked to be restored, but their manner of life would not wholly justify it. The session suspended but one member at its last meetings, and he (now a young man, and who had been baptized by the sainted Dr. Bushnell) boldly contended that he was not guilty. The excommunication of so many last year appears to have inspired others with fear. Of those cut off one year ago, only one has as yet given any hopeful signs of returning.

And just here I will offer a few words of explanation about the roll of membership of the Batanga church. You may be puzzled when comparing the number of communicants of one year with that of another. Last year thirteen were admitted to the church there, but no increase on the church roll; but, over against these thirteen, thirteen were excommunicated. Then, besides this, mistakes had been made on the roll. The names of some appeared on the roll who were never baptized. They were examined when Licentiate Petiye was stated supply there, and he moderated the meetings of the session. I have made several corrections in this roll since I have had charge of the church, and yet on my last visit I found mistakes.

But to proceed. Twelve adults were admitted to the full privileges of the church. Perhaps others would have been admitted had there been more time for examination; but as our time was so limited, I asked the Bible readers to call those who had been longest in the inquiry class and those who they thought were sufficiently instructed. A few others besides those who were admitted were examined. One of those admitted is the wife of one of the elders.

Sabbath proved to be unfavorable indeed. We had previously concluded to hold the services at Loby or Water Fall. This place is fully three miles from Bongehle, the place where we were stopping. We chose to go to Loby because there is a house of worship there and none at Bongehle. We had to walk this distance. This of itself was no "lion in the way;" but while on the way we were caught in a heavy, yea, a very heavy, rain, and were most thoroughly drenched. We had the precaution to take with us some extra clothing; so with that, and borrowing a little and drying some over the open fire, we managed to do pretty well, and, save the inconvenience, we suffered nothing serious from the wetting we received. Despite the rain, which continued to fall, the house was crowded during the services. The twelve who had been received were baptized. Then followed the administration of the Lord's Supper. After this service was concluded, a second short service was held, at which time I baptized eight children. In the evening I preached from Romans i. 14. We then

started on our return to Bongehale, as it did not suit us to remain there over night. We were thoroughly tired when, at 11 p. m., we reached that place; but yet we rejoiced at what the Lord had permitted us to see and to do. Notwithstanding the unpleasant features of the day, it was still a joyful day to us.

The work of the church there is on the whole, I think, prospering. The two elders, who are also the Bible readers, are doing a fairly good work. They are, as far as I can learn, faithful and doing perhaps as much as we should reasonably expect; but they assured me that they prayed constantly for more help for that great work, and truly my heart went out this time towards that people as it never did before. This Banaka tribe is a large one. They are a vigorous people, many of them full of life and energy. They have the name of "a hard people" to deal with. The traders give them a hard name—they want to be well, yea, very well, rewarded for anything they do for us. In many ways they would be a difficult people to get along with; but they are a people in whom the gospel of Christ, if faithfully preached to them, would in due time work many changes. But there they are—a great tribe. The German trader at whose place we remained over night said that he reckoned that there were between five and seven thousand people there in a coast line of seven or eight miles; while a few miles further north there is another large settlement, and there are several towns, but not so large, to the south—and all this people hearing the Benga language better than the Kombe people amongst whom we live. What a field is there! And only two native elders to carry on the work and have the oversight of about a hundred church members. Who is ready to come over and help us? As much as we are pleased with the work amongst the Kombe people, and as much as we are attached to the dear missionary friends at Bolondo, we are willing to preach the gospel in Banaka if the Board at home and the mission here are willing to send us there.

And further, while we are not yet absolutely certain, we hear on good authority that the coast from the Camaroon mountains to the Campo river is now German. If so, we then need not fear the restrictions of the French.

We would also be much nearer that other very large coast tribe, the Egara people, amongst whom a very little has yet been done, and with whom the Banaka people have intercourse. The children of this large tribe have not enjoyed the privileges of the schools, either on Corisco or at Benita, because of an old "murder palaver" with the Kombe people. These people are now asking for the privileges which the Banaka people to the north, and the Mbwiko, Evune and Kombe people to the south, enjoy.

One year ago I stopped one night at one of the towns of this people, and they said that they were willing now to settle this "palaver." And they asked me then to take some of their children to school. But knowing of this palaver, and that it was not yet settled, I would not take them. Immediately behind these—the Banaka and the Egara people—are the "bush people," and two, three or four days journey inland are the Pangwe people—that great tribe which can be reached from Bata or Benita in two or three days journey, which are coming to the coast at Gaboon, and by whom the brethren on the Ogovi river are surrounded.

Then there is the church at Evune, with the surrounding peoples, an ample field for one missionary. There is the Bata church, which is growing, and which is a promising field, not only on account of the people on the coast, but also of the people in immediate reach inland.

These are a few items concerning this part of the Gaboon and Corisco mission. Much of it you may already know; but I here present it again for the consideration of the Board. May the Lord of the harvest send forth more laborers into this field which "is white already to harvest."

The Rev. G. C. Campbell, writing at Gaboon, October 16, 1885, confirms the general impression made by Mr. Gault's letter, both as to the field north of Benita and the report of its coming under German jurisdiction. Batanga and Banaka seem to be names applied to a tract of country on the coast, and also to native towns. Mr. Campbell's remarks on his visit to Kangwe will attract attention:

We all continue well, and are glad to hear very favorable reports from our brethren north. Surely that is a most interesting field, and now that the question of the possession of Batanga is settled in favor of Germany, it gives us hope of being able to push our work in that direction. I fully believe that we can reach the upper Congo from there, or if not, a densely-peopled country. I fear Benita will yet fall to the French, and then alas for our work.

I made a flying trip to Kangwe, leaving the women here in charge. I spent about

two days on the trade steamer going and coming, and had but one full day at Kangwe. I was asked by the commandant to close the school at Kangwe, carried on *exclusively in the vernacular*, which unpleasant task I did, also packed a few of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson's things, and attended to some station matters, but was unable to hold communion as I had hoped and expected. I found everything about the station in excellent condition, the boys left at Andende feeling and meeting their responsibility faithfully.

MISSIONARY WORK IN BELGIUM, 1885.

OUR WORK.

The work is carried on amongst the Roman Catholic population in the two languages, French and Flemish. It comprises 25 churches and stations, almost entirely composed of converts from Romanism, and forming centres of evangelization with branches in different directions; 51 Sunday-schools, of which 18 are missionary schools; a primary school; colportage; printing and distributing tracts; an evangelical book-store, with a depot of Bibles and Testaments, in Brussels; and a monthly magazine, *Le Chrétien Belge*.

Extension of the Work.—If we have added no new stations to our list it is because both laborers and money have been wanting; nevertheless, the work is making progress around the existing centres of activity. In several places groups of new disciples have been formed and regular services held, which might be called preaching-stations.

At Namur, thanks to the special grant of the Continental Evangelical Society, we have been able to open a place of worship in a more desirable situation, and the services are attended by a good number of hearers, Catholics and Freethinkers.

Evangelization of Brussels.—A grant from the same society has enabled us to give a wider scope to the evangelization of the capital. Four meetings each week in French and one in Flemish are now held in various quarters, and are most encouraging. Several families, besides other persons, have joined either our French church in the Rue Belliard or our Flemish congregation in the Rue Blaes. There have been several remarkable instances of conversion.

The Preaching of the Gospel.—The gospel is preached regularly in 81 places, either in our chapels and other places of worship or in private houses, in many of which the meetings are often very largely attended. Sixty other places have also enjoyed occasionally evangelistic labors.

About 7000 services and meetings have been held during the year, not including the addresses in cemeteries at funerals, which have been listened to by crowds varying from 200 to 2000 persons, nor a number of little gatherings to which the visits of our Bible readers give rise. Our 15 pastors, 7 evangelists and 10 Scripture readers have been aided by many elders and other members of the churches.

[Then follow notices of 53 Sunday-schools, with over 2000 scholars; Bible readers and colporteurs, making over 8500 visits, with reading of the Scriptures and prayer, and "selling 188 Bibles, 1128 Testaments, and 8479 other books"; tract distribution in many places, and with great good, the London Religious Tract Society aiding to print 240,000 tracts in French and Flemish, of which 128,000 had been already distributed. Examples of good thereby done are here given:]

"I have almost every week the pleasure of meeting persons who appear inclined to embrace the gospel. One day of this month, for instance, on going to visit a family, I found, as I went in, two men who were waiting for me, knowing I was coming. They wanted to be instructed on certain points. One said that what had led him to a knowledge of the gospel was reading one of our tracts, 'Ou allez-vous?' I read and prayed with them.

"A man wanted me to call on him. I went. 'I am very pleased to see you,' said he, 'for I have a weight on my conscience; I am not at ease. Do you remember about a year ago giving me a little tract? I accepted it scornfully, for then I despised all religions. But one day you came and read me a passage of Scripture; then I read your tract, and since then I feel continually disturbed in my mind.' He listened to the advice I gave him, offered me his house to hold a meeting there, and since then attends our services regularly."

ENCOURAGING RESULTS.

The results of our labors are, first, a good number of conversions, some sudden or rapid, others slow and gradual, but leading to a faithful and active Christian life,

causing the light of the gospel to shine by the example they give and the witness they bear. There is, moreover, an influence for good on a number of persons who have ceased to do evil, who send their children to our Sunday-schools, and sooner or later themselves come to the truth.

We should like to place under the eyes of our readers a multitude of encouraging facts, but must limit ourselves to two or three which show the physiognomy of our work.

A Veteran.—We have in our church some first-class Christians, who, although in a humble position, honor the gospel in the eyes of hundreds and thousands of persons. Witness the man who died last winter at Charleroi, after thirty years of earnest and active Christian life. A simple workman, he every week presided at meetings and a Sunday-school, which he did with real talent, distributed a number of tracts every day, and spoke to all of the Saviour. He said as he was dying, "They think I am going to die, but for me this is not death; it is the moment of my great deliverance." Two thousand persons accompanied his remains to the cemetery, and a large crowd witnessed the testimony borne to him.

Narratives of happy deaths are many; the following are a few facts of another kind: *Come and See.*—A young man, a devout Catholic like all his family, and at the same time rather given to drink, had for a fellow workman a young Protestant, and by him was brought to a knowledge of the truth. He became a member of the church and also of the Young Men's Christian Association, and gave up pleasure, drink and even the use of tobacco. Returning every week to his native village, three leagues off, he did not fail to evangelize his relatives. One of his sisters, who was very devout, wished at last to understand what that religion was which had made such a change in her brother. "Come one day to the chapel with me," he said. She went, but before going she must needs attend mass in a neighboring church. After mass the cure preached. When she got to the chapel, what was her surprise to hear the pastor give out the same text as the priest had preached from. This coincidence arrested her attention. The sermon, so different from what she had heard in the church, affected her deeply. After the service she asked some friends of her brother to come and see them. About fifteen went, and their visit, the earnestness of our young Protestants, their Christian conversation, their hymns, made a deep impression on the family. The sister is now become a disciple of the gospel.

A Public-house Singer.—One evening at the Prado in Brussels, where we have our meetings, I remarked seated before me a woman, shabbily dressed, whose pale face bore traces of a disorderly life. While I was speaking, her attention seemed to increase; her eyes were riveted upon me. On leaving, she accepted a tract and thanked me with a peculiar accent of gratitude. When the meeting breaks up a few friends and I are accustomed to pray together, and we made special mention of her. She was at the next meeting, and continued to come, always most attentive. At last she asked to speak to me, and told me her story. A sad story it was. Belonging to a good family, she had left her home, when quite young, on account of her stepmother. She descended rapidly the steps of sin, until she became a singer in a low public-house, where she might have been seen dancing on a table, with a glass in her hand. Having been brought to our meetings by curiosity, she was pricked to the heart by what she heard, and stopped in the evil course she had been following, and soon, feeling the burden of her sins, she prayed to Christ for pardon and the help of his grace. Now she is happy in reading the word of God.

Abstract of the Cash Account for the year ending June 30, 1885.

RECEIVED.		PAID.	
In Belgium.....	£2079 5 6	For Pastoral Work and Evangelization	£3539 13 0
From Great Britain and Ireland.....	1582 2 0	For Bible Readers and Colporteurs.....	610 0 9
From other Countries.....	776 17 0	For Tract and Book Department.....	499 4 6
		For School at Nessonvaux.....	43 19 6
		For Evangelistic Halls, in Brussels.....	128 19 0
Balance on the year's operations.....	£4438 4 6	Evangelization work at the Exhibition in Antwerp.....	63 1 6
	446 13 9		
	<u>£4884 18 3</u>		<u>£4884 18 3</u>
		Deficit due on previous years.....	£455 3 1
		Balance as above.....	446 13 9
		Deficit June 30, 1885.....	<u>£901 16 10</u>

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—From the *Forty-seventh Annual Report*, June 30, 1885.

[We need hardly add that the Board will be happy to transmit donations in aid of this society's good work. Send to William Rankin, Esq., Treasurer, 23 Centre Street, New York city.—ED. F. R.]

IN THE VAUDOIS VALLEYS.

BY THE REV. D. MILLER, GENOA.

The Waldensian synod, which numbered this year one hundred members—the largest of modern times—elected as its president and vice-president Professor Albert Revel, of the theological college, Florence, and Rev. William Meille, of Turin. The first sitting, on Tuesday morning, September 8. was occupied in discussing the state of the parishes. These are eighteen in all—fifteen in the valleys, one in Turin and two in the Waldensian colony in Uruguay—and are under the supervision of the Table, or chief administrative board of the Church; while the congregations which have sprung up throughout Italy in connection with the work of evangelization are under the Commissione d'Evangelizzazione, or mission board. According to custom, the reports of these two boards, as also those of the theological college and the hospitals, are brought before the synod by small committees specially appointed to examine them, and to indicate in their counter reports whatever calls for the special attention of the synod.

THE TABLE.

The report of the Table gave rise to several important discussions. The religious condition of the Church in the valleys was carefully studied, and one could not help feeling that, if there be any indifference among the people, there is, on the part of the ministers at least, an intensely-earnest desire to see the spiritual tone of the Church raised. Among the things deplored as hindering vital godliness in every-day life and spiritual growth and power in the Church were neglect of family worship, irregularity in attending the public means of grace, the habit, which seems to have become fashionable among the youth in some parishes, of abstaining from singing in public praise, love of the world, as shown in the amusements by which the Lord's day is often desecrated, unwillingness on the part of some to give liberally to the Lord's cause, and here and there drunkenness and immorality. Means to counteract these evils were patiently considered and made the subject of prayer. On the other hand, there were not wanting in the report many things that were pleasing—joyful notes which told that, in the midst of much worldliness and indifference to religion, God still has a people in these valleys who faithfully serve him. Of one parish, for example, it was reported that, with the exception of *one* individual, all are regular in their attendance on divine worship; of another, that prayer-meetings have been the chief means of abolishing Sabbath desecration and of reviving spiritual life; of another, that a marked improvement is observable, especially among the young, in the seriousness and intelligence with which religious services are attended; of another, that decided progress has been made in Christian liberality. But with all that there is yet much room for improvement in the spiritual condition of the Church as a whole. Let her friends join her own faithful members in beseeching the Lord to pour out his Spirit abundantly on her, that she may have more life, more zeal, more power.

MINISTERIAL INEFFICIENCY.

The case of one of the parishes specially arrested the attention of the synod. Last year complaint had been made by the lay deputies that the minister was no longer exercising any good influence in the parish, because the people either could not hear or, if they heard, could not understand his preaching. By appointment of last synod, the members of the Table had visited the parish and thoroughly investigated the case, and now a final decision was called for. During the twenty years of his ministry not a single charge had ever been brought against this good man's character, nor was the slightest suspicion ever entertained regarding his orthodoxy. Blameless in life and conduct, he was socially on the best of terms with all his parishioners, even those who were now urging the synod to remove him. But the spiritual interests of the people were suffering, and to these, it was pleaded, personal considerations must be subordinated. The discussion of this painful case was conducted in an excellent Christian spirit, and no one who took part in it was more to be admired than the minister himself whose position and *living* were at stake. Abstaining from defending himself, or from insisting on his right to retain his position since neither heresy nor

immorality was charged against him, he simply said, "No one more than I can desire the spiritual well-being of the parish; and if it is thought that that can be better attained by my withdrawal, I am willing to be guided by the synod." The following resolution was then passed:

"The synod having discussed the question of the parish of Pral, considering that the pastor, Signor de Gay, senior, has infringed no ecclesiastical law, that he has preached the gospel faithfully, and that his life is morally irreproachable; considering, on the other hand, that, rightly or wrongly, his ministry is no longer acceptable to a considerable number of his parishioners; taking into account the verbal declaration whereby Pastor Gay leaves the decision of the case to this assembly, it is resolved—1st, That there is no occasion for the application to Pastor Gay of any disciplinary measure; 2d, That nevertheless it would be well, not to say necessary, that the parish of Pral should have a change of minister; 3d, That the synod replies to Pastor Gay's declaration by counselling him to leave his parish free, within the period of one year, to choose another pastor; 4th, That after his voluntary resignation Signor Gay will be at the disposal of the Table, with a stipend equivalent to the allowance given to ministers *emeriti*, until such time as he shall be legally entitled to the same, and so long as he shall not have procured for himself another occupation."

I have given the deliverance in full, as the case may interest those whose attention is being turned to the question of how to deal with congregations which are suffering from an inefficient or an unsuitable ministry; and, perchance, it may call forth the sympathy of some Christian reader in favor of a worthy minister for Christ who for twenty years, and with gifts of no mean order, has faithfully served his Master in a remote, inhospitable Alpine village, where material comforts and social advantages can hardly be said to exist, and where the intellectual life is surrounded with influences as benumbing as the physical has to contend with during the eight months snow. It is unnecessary to say more about this case except that the allowance to an *emeritus* minister in the Waldensian Church is £24 per annum!

A VAUDOIS COLONY.

The report of the Table brought under the synod's consideration the present state of things in the Waldensian colony in the republic of Uruguay. The synod had the advantage of hearing a most graphic and interesting account of Colonia Valdense and Cosmopolita, the two parishes in that far-off settlement, from the lips of Rev. Signor Hugon, the senior pastor, who had come over to consult the synod on matters of importance to the colony. It is interesting to know that the Waldenses, who have scrupulously abstained from taking any part in the political contentions by which the peace of the republic is too frequently disturbed, are now regarded by the rival factions as an element of stability, order and progress. Whichever party may be in power, the peace-loving, industrious Waldenses can now count on government favor. Already the Waldensian Church has been constituted a corporate body in the republic, and its ten little properties are legally held in its own name. From a material point of view this gives stability. Already two Waldensian teachers have been called to be head-masters of government schools; and now a new educational project is on foot, and it was mainly with a view to obtain for it the sanction of the synod that the president of the republic encouraged Signor Hugon to come to Italy.

It appears that the superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal mission in Uruguay has, for some time past, wished to establish at Colonia Valdense an upper school, in which young lads might be prepared for entering the state university, or a theological college to be founded as soon as circumstances will permit. The only difficulty was the want of a capable man to place at the head of it. Signor Hugon was invited to accept the post, and he was disposed to do so had the synod allowed his name to remain on the roll of Waldensian ministers while he thus took service for a time under another denomination. The synod, however, did not consider it desirable that an important educational establishment should be planted in the midst of a Waldensian parish by the Methodist Episcopalians, and therefore urged Signor Hugon to take the matter into his own hands; and in view of the theological classes to be associated with it, resolved to make a special appeal to the Presbyterian churches of America and Britain for pecuniary help.

This was a wise decision. An important future is evidently opening up to the Waldensian Church in South America; and with help from sister churches she may become a great power for good. Numerous requests reach them for teachers, and a wide mission field lies around them. Government support will be given to the secular department of the institution; but if the theological classes are to be established,

and the Spanish-speaking populations of South America supplied with preachers of the gospel, our Waldensian friends must have the hearty support of their Presbyterian brethren. They are prepared to give the men if the necessary means be provided for their education. Already *eleven* young men—one report says *seventeen*—have expressed their desire to study for the ministry if the necessary educational institutions are established. A very good beginning could be made at once; and it is to be hoped that the appeal that is to be made will meet with a prompt and generous response.

The extreme poverty of the Waldenses is well known, and it is certain that but for the help received from other churches they could not have spread themselves all over Italy as they have done. But it must be no small satisfaction to these churches to know that between £2000 and £3000—in other words, a full fourth of the entire annual cost of their Italian missions—is raised in their own churches and mission stations. They might do more; and no one has more plainly or more frequently told them that than myself, to whom they good naturedly give the title of the “Apostle of Self-support.” I therefore feel the more free to plead for them when, as in South America at the present moment, the providence of God lays work to their hand far beyond the possibility of their resources. Through poverty some two hundred families have been compelled to emigrate from their native valleys, and are now settled in Uruguay. There, amidst a population professing Roman Catholicism or no religion at all, they hold up the light of God’s word. “*Lux lucet in tenebris.*” And if they are thus true to their Church’s motto, it is not without considerable sacrifice on their part. Signor Hugon told the synod how the settlers at Colonia Valdense, desirous to raise a fund the interest of which should secure the salary of their pastor, subscribed no less than twenty per cent.—not of their *income*, but of the realizable value of all they possessed! They hoped that the Table would assist them in completing the fund; but the synod had to reply that the Table was not able to meet its own liabilities. This fact, however, serves to show that, “according to their power, yea, and beyond their power,” these Waldensian colonists are giving to the Lord’s cause, and therefore deserve to be helped in founding such institutions as will make them, with the blessing of God, a great educational and evangelistic power in South America.

Signor Hugon had come commissioned to take out with him two ministers—one for a neighboring Swiss colony, and another for a number of scattered English and Scotch families, principally Presbyterians, who are visited once or twice a year by the Presbyterian minister of Monte Viedo. It is very desirable that both these ministers should be Waldenses, and that along with those of the two parishes of Colonia Valdense and Cosmopolita, they should form a presbytery, and so strengthen each other’s hands.

Other important subjects were discussed by the synod in connection with the report of the Table, but it is impossible to refer to them all. Had space permitted I should have liked to call attention to what I consider a serious danger for the Waldensian Church. Unless some effort is made to secure adequate salaries for the teachers both in the elementary and higher schools, the Church may ere long find herself stranded for want of ministers. This must be looked to if the Church is to continue her existence and work.

(To be continued.)

PSALM lxxviii. 11.

The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published it.—*Authorized Version.*

The Lord giveth the word:

The women that published the tidings are a great host.—*Revised Version.*

“*Word* here means tidings, news, and, as the whole connection shows, good news, which also is suggested by the word translated *publishing*, but in usage constantly applied to joyful tidings. See above Psalm xl. 10 (9). There is obvious allusion to the ancient Oriental custom of women celebrating victories with songs and dances. See Exodus xv. 20;

1 Samuel xviii. 6, 7. The reference is not to any one occasion, but to an ideal choir chanting all the victories of some great period, perhaps that of the Judges."—*Dr. J. Addison Alexander.*

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IN NOVEMBER, 1885.

ATLANTIC.—For Africa, 3 43. *Catawba*—Emanuel, 5 43
1; St. Paul, 1.
BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore Brown Memorial, 71 19. *Washington City*—Lewinsville, 8 50; Vienna, 3. 82 69
COLORADO.—*Boulder*—Valmont, 2 63. *Denver*—Denver Central sab-sch., 8 95; Georgetown, 10. *Santa Fe*—Tombstone, 5. 26 58
COLUMBIA.—*Oregon*—East Portland 1st, 15 90
ILLINOIS.—*Alton*—Brighton, 2; Salem Ger., 10. *Bloomington*—Onarga, 32 50; Waynesville sab-sch., 3 33. *Cairo*—Du Quoin, 8 43; Enfield, 5 50. *Chicago*—Austin, 10; Chicago 3d, 126 16; Chicago 6th, 382 51; Chicago Holland, 3; Chicago Scotch, 19. *Freeport*—Freeport 3d Ger., 5; Marengo 1st sab-sch., 26 53; Middle Creek sab-sch., 19; Ridgefield, 3; Warren, 7 05. *Mattoon*—Vandalia, 32. *Rock River*—Ashton 1st, 5 11. *Schuyler*—Salem Ger., 10. *Springfield*—Jacksonville State Street, Prentice Fund, 55. 765 15
INDIANA.—*Fort Wayne*—Fort Wayne 1st, Mr. E. P. Williams, 30. *Logansport*—Hebron, 10. *Muncie*—Liberty, 10; Wabash, 9 25. *New Albany*—Bethel, 3. 62 25
IOWA.—*Council Bluffs*—Marne, 10; Walnut, 8. *Dubuque*—Waukon Ger., 25. *Fort Dodge*—Calloway Children's Band, for Persia, 18. *Iowa*—Burlington 1st, 19 86; Keokuk Westminster, 43 49; Shunan, 5. *Waterloo*—Marshalltown, 15 50; Williams, 2. 146 85
KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Hunnewell, 5; Quenemo, 8. *Highland*—Hiawatha, 25; Baileysville, 1. *Neosho*—Elk City, 4. *Osborne*—Oberlin, 3. *Topeka*—Olathe 1st, 9; Perry sab-sch., 5 97. 60 91
MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Detroit Jefferson Ave., 294; Howell, 25; Milan, 3 71; Saline, 7 60. *Kalamazoo*—Allegan, 46. *Lansing*—Windsor, 6. *Monroe*—Monroe, 113 59; Raisin, 10. 505 90
MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Westminster, of which 10 from one family, 11. *Northern Pacific*—Fargo, 21 85. *St. Paul*—Minneapolis Bethlehem, 19 43; Oak Grove, for France, 2 15; Rockford, 6 50; St. Paul Central, 57 71. 118 64
MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Salt Springs, 4 10. *Platte*—Bethel, 4 55; Jameson, 3. *St. Louis*—St. Louis 2d Ger., 6. 17 65
NEBRASKA.—*Hastings*—Hanover Ger., 11. *Kearney*—O'Neill, 2 25; Cherry Creek, 1 50. Rev. C. G. A. Hullhorst, 1 50, Misses Hess, 2. 18 25
NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Clinton, 12 64; Pluckamin, 14 10. *Jersey City*—Englewood, 618 36; Ruthertford 1st, 23 50. *Monmouth*—Burlington, 70 12; Cranbury 2d, 67 50; Farmingdale, 60; Lakewood, Rev. A. H. Dashill, 1, a descendant of the Huguenots, 5. Wells Sergeant, 25 cts.; Oceanic, 100; Whitening and Shamong, 5 02; Manasquan, for France, 10. *Morris and Orange*—Boonton, 26; Morristown 1st, 1 13; Morristown South St. sab-sch. Miss. Soc., 50; South Orange, 5 29; St. Cloud, 7 50. *Newark*—Bloomfield 1st, a lady, 25; Montclair, for France, 57 50; Newark 2d, M. C., 29 09; Newark Roseville, 201 50. *Newton*—Andover, 1 93; Hackettstown, 50; Yellow Frame, 9 59, sab-sch., 1 23. *West Jersey*—Williamstown sab-sch., for Laos, 4. 1457 25
NEW YORK.—*Albany*—Corinth, 2 50; Greenbush sab-sch., 9 13; Rockwell Falls, 6; Stephentown, 25. *Binghamton*—Binghamton 1st, 85 47; Conklin, 10 50. *Brooklyn*—Brooklyn Classon Ave., 157 90; Brooklyn Lafayette Ave. sab-sch. Miss. Asso., 300; Brooklyn Ross St., 62, sab-sch., 38; Brooklyn S. 3d St., E. D., 32 56; Edgewater 1st, 7 08. *Buffalo*—Buffalo North, 86 54. *Champlain*—Chazy, 16 45. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st, 37; Southport, 20 74. *Columbia*—Ben Salem sab-sch., 75 cts.; West Durham, 5. *Genesee*—Bergen, 11; Leroy 1st sab-sch., 48 25. *Genesee Valley*—Cuba, 15. *Hudson*—Circleville sab-sch., 2 50; Good-

will, 14 43; Greenbush, 6; Port Jervis sab-sch., 13. *Long Island*—Amagansett, 5; Southold, 30. *Lyons*—Wolcott 1st, 9 13. *Nassau*—Newtown, 26 04. *New York*—New York Brick ch. chapel, 37 33; New York Canal St., 8; New York 1st, 756 26, two members, 210; New York Harlem sab-sch., for Syria, 45; New York Madison Square Memorial ch. sab-sch., for France, 6; New York Spring St. Joy Band, for Siam, 50; New York Westminster sab-sch., 15. *Niagara*—Lewiston, 15; Medina, 1. *North River*—Cornwall, 9 79; Poughkeepsie, 42 46; Pleasant Valley, for France, 6. *Rochester*—Rochester Westminster, 35; Rochester North, 25 cts., birthday offering, 25; Sparta 1st, 16; Rochester Central, 88 64, sp., 5; Christian Endeavors Band, for India, 14 15. *Syracuse*—Skaneateles, 15 17. *Tray*—Sandy Hill, 12. *Utica*—Sauquoit, 16 86. *Westchester*—Bedford, 18; Bridgeport 1st, 25 49; Darien, 2; Katonah, 7; Patterson, 16 20; Peekskill 1st, 23 92, sab-sch., 35; Rye, 127 50; Southeast, 8; Stamford 1st, 46 80; Yonkers Day Spring, 3; Yonkers Westminster sab-sch., Gallery Class Mission Band, for Canton Orphanage, 12 50; R. E. Prine, thanksgiving, 75; Sab-sch. R. E. Prine, thanksgiving offering, 50; Dobb's Ferry, 24 12, sab-sch., 10. 2997 41
OHIO.—*Athens*—Nelsonville, 5. *Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 14 03; Urbana, 1. *Chillicothe*—Waverly, 10. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati 2d, 15 40; Cincinnati Central, 124. *Cleveland*—Cleveland Case Ave. sab-sch., for Brazil, 25; Cleveland 2d, 532, sab-sch., for Waldensian ch., Italy, 37. *Dayton*—Hamilton, 12 48; Springfield 2d, 94. *Lima*—Harrison, 5; West Union, 5 25; North Balto, 6 50. *Mahoning*—Youngstown 1st, 36 35. *Marion*—Delhi, 15 50. *Portsmouth*—Eckmansville, for France, 17. *St. Clairsville*—Concord sab-sch., 32 58; Crab Apple sab-sch., 26 13. *Steubenville*—Dennison, 5; East Springfield, 1 12; Island Creek, 30; New Hagerstown sab-sch., 6. *Zanesville*—Granville, 20. 1076 34
PACIFIC.—*San Francisco*—Danville, 5; San Francisco St. Johns, 19 15. 24 15
PENNSYLVANIA.—*Allegheny*—Glenfield, 4 40. *Blairsville*—Poke Run, 44. *Butler*—Amtry, 3 07; Grove City, 75 94. *Carlisle*—Big Spring sab-sch., 60; Burnt Cabins, 3 80; Great Conewago sab-sch., for China, 50; Lower Path Valley, 24 60, a member, 50. *Chester*—Upper Octorara, 57 50. *Clarion*—Callensburg, members, 4. *Erie*—Corry, 5 50; Westminster sab-sch., 5. *Huntingdon*—Lewistown sab-sch., 100; Milroy, 22. *Kittanning*—Bethel, 7, sab-sch., 6; Boiling Spring, 8; Clinton, 9; Indiana, 5, sab-sch., 105; Smicksburg, 2 23. *Lackawanna*—Bethany, 5; Dunmore, 13; Montrose, 50; Nanticoke, 10. *Lehigh*—Easton Brainerd, 33 97. *Northumberland*—Bloomsburg, 162 09; Montoursville, 2; Muncy, 13; Williamsport 2d, 57 55. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 1st, sp., for Persia, 500; Philadelphia 2d, Wm. Wilson, Esq., 50; Philadelphia Tabor, 35. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia Central, for China, 500; Philadelphia Cohocksink sab-sch., 44 45; Philadelphia Columbia Ave., 14 76; Philadelphia Northminster, 5. *Philadelphia North*—Frankford, 30 18; Germantown 2d, 128 18; Neshaminy of Warwick Oak Grove sab-sch., 1 50; Providence sab-sch., 49 60. *Pittsburgh*—Hazlewood, 22 60; Pittsburgh 2d, 24 19. *Redstone*—Connellesville, 26 09; Dunkap's Creek, 38 60; Uniontown sab-sch., 50. *Shenango*—Neshannock sab-sch. 53; Newport, 10; Slippery Rock, 25; New Bedford sab-sch., 1. *Washington*—Claysville sab-sch., 40; Frankfort, Christmas offering, 1884, 3; New Cumberland, 76; Upper Buffalo sab-sch., 6 62. *Wellsboro*—Wellsboro, 18 50. *Westminster*—Middle Octorara, 90 cts., Miss Sallie Slane, chicken money, 4 10. *West Virginia*—Kanawha, 2 30. 2759 22

TENNESSEE.—Union—Knoxville 2d,	75 85
TEXAS.—Austin—Anstin, 45 80; New Orleans Ger.,	51 80
6. UTAH.—Montana—Bozeman, for France,	1 25
WISCONSIN.—La Crosse—La Crosse 1st sub-sch.,	3 01.
<i>Lake Superior</i> —Negaunee, 12. <i>Milwaukee</i> —	
Ottawa, 3 02.	18 03

WOMAN'S BOARDS.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Phila.....	\$4,981 61
Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, New York.....	1,015 27
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Northern New York.....	1,251 58
Woman's Board of Missions, Northwest.....	3,400 00
Woman's Board of Mission, Southwest.....	369 29
	<hr/> 11,017 75

MISCELLANEOUS.

Miss Julia Treat, Windham, O., 12; Two friends at Islip, N. Y., for France, 7; Mrs. R. Graff, for Liberia, 30; A sincere friend of the work, 7; "T. C. P.," 10; Cash, H, Pa., 2000; "A friend," 10; Rev. M. A. Williams and wife, Medford, Ore., 2; C. Shedd, Ashland, Mo., 1; Rev. H. L. Jaunway, Williamstown, N. J., 25; "Z. Z. Z.," 30 25; George H. Brown, N. Y., 20; 2d Reformed Ch., Jersey City Heights, for Chinese New York, 5; Dr. Alex. Guy, Oxford, O., 100; "N. G. M.," 10; "B. G.," 1 50; Dobb's Ferry Children's Miss'y Band, 100; Trustees Presbyterian House Benjamin Fund, 245; "W. L. N.," for Africa, 20; "C., N. Y.,"

16; Rev. S. Ward, 2; D. O. Calkins, Esq., N. Y., 10; Soc'y of Inquiry Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., 35; Little Sunbeams, Miss'y Soc'y of the Relief Home, San Francisco, 5; Miss Cort of China, for Indians, 1; Miss Julia A. Condit, Austin, Tex., 10; "Cash," Cleveland, O., 1; "Gracie," 5; J. M. Gillette, Kane, Pa., 5; T. D. Quincy, Phila., 60; Mrs. J. Douglass, Raymond, Iowa, 1; Sab-sch. at Goodman Lane, N. J., 2; Rev. W. W. Eells, Allegheny, Pa., 30; "H. T. F.," 25.	\$2,843 75
Total receipts from churches, Sabbath-schools and miscellaneous sources.....	\$26,885 31
Less transferred to Home Board, Central Ch., Auburn, N. Y., in Oct., 1885, 54 70=	\$26,830 61.

LEGACIES.

Legacy of David Wilson, Seneca, N. Y.....	\$704 15
Legacy of Mrs. Margaret Bradford, Waynesburg, Pa.....	200 00
Legacy of Mrs. Gordon, dec'd, Urbana, O.....	458 76
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Walker, Midway, Pa.....	95 00
Bequest of David E. Small, York, Pa.....	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$2,457 91
Total receipts in November, 1885.....	\$29,288 52
Total receipts from May 1, 1885.....	261,995 91

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RECEIPTS FOR DEBT, NOVEMBER, 1885.

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore—Brown Memorial, 2; Baltimore 2d, 2; Baltimore 1st, 453 76. 457 76
 COLORADO.—Santa Fé—Phoenix, 4 00
 ILLINOIS.—Alton—Yankeeetown, 3 40. Bloomington—Onarga, 10. Chicago—4th sub-sch., 76 53. Freeport—Marengo 1st sub-sch., 10. Peoria—Eureka, 6 15. Springfield—Bates, 11. 117 08
 IOWA.—Des Moines—Lucas, 1 60; Derby, 1 40; Des Moines 1st sub-sch., 7 73. Waterloo—Janesville, 4. 14 73
 KANSAS.—Indian Territory—Fort Gibson, 2 60. *Nensho*—Somerset, 1 25. 3 85
 MICHIGAN.—Detroit—Milan 1st, 1; Howell 1st, 20. 21 00
 MISSOURI.—Osage—Kansas City 2d, 85 23
 NEBRASKA.—Nebraska City—Adams, "G.," 5. *Niobrara*—Wayne, Mr. Jas. House, 8. 13 00
 NEW JERSEY.—Monmouth—Burlington, 66 34; Holmanville, 5. Morris and Orange—Morristown South St., sub-sch. Miss'y Soc'y, 50. Newark—High St., 41 25. New Brunswick—Holland, 6 50. 169 09
 NEW YORK.—Buffalo—North, 52. Chemung—Elmira Lake St., 23 50. Genesee Valley—Cuba, 3. Lyons—Wolcott 1st, 19. New York—Spring St., 25; New York 5th Ave., Thos. S. Adams, 50. Rochester—Mt. Morris, 17 75, Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y, 3 75, Y. L. Miss'y Soc'y, 2 05. St. Lawrence—Watertown Stone St., 2. Syracuse—Elbridge, 1 75. Westchester—Rye, 62 18, sub-sch., 10. 271 98
 OHIO.—Bellefontaine—1st, 25 cts. Cincinnati—Wyoming sub-sch., 25. Cleveland—2d, 234. Dayton—Middletown 1st, 50. St. Clairsville—St. Clairsville, 7. Steubenville—Dell Roy Children's Miss. Band, 4 34; Island Creek, 10. Wooster—Congress, 3 81; Westminster, 32; Chester, 3 75. Zanesville—Granville, 10. 380 15
 PACIFIC.—Benicia—Calistoga, 5 00
 PENNSYLVANIA.—Butler—Middlesex, 6; Summit, 3. Chester—Faggs Manor, 12; Fairview, 7. Kittanning—Leechburg, 12. Lackawanna—Snowden Memorial,

1 11; Larksville sub-sch., 8 26; Franklin, 7 55. <i>Northumberland</i> —Williamsport 2d, 60 46. 117 38	
TENNESSEE.—Holston—Oakland, 2 00	
WOMAN'S BOARDS.	
Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, New York.....	30 00
Woman's Foreign Miss'y Soc'y Northern New York.....	10 00
	<hr/> \$40 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Miss Maria B. Franks, Bogota, 10; Mrs. L. L. O. Robinson, Selina, Cal., 2; Miss L. Olmstead, Siani, 15; Girls' Boarding Sch., Bangkok, 6; "E. M.," 1; A friend, 1000. 1,034 00	
Total amount received for the debt in November, 1885.....	2,736 25
Total amount received for the debt to December 1, 1885.....	44,494 12

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 HELP! HELP!

We regret the necessity of again appealing to the liberality of our pastors and churches in behalf of the missionary fund of the Board. At no time in the history of the work has there been more urgent need. Many fields are open for occupation, and many calls are made to which we are unable to respond. Our missionary fund is so largely overdrawn that we can commission no new colporteurs, and unless relief is speedily received we must reduce the number of those now in commission. Will not our pastors lay this cause before our churches and urge an immediate response? Will not those who love our Church and desire its prosperity come at once to our aid?

 DEATH OF A COLPORTEUR.

Mr. John Kelly, who has for many years labored as a colporteur in the service of the Board in the Presbytery of Osage (Missouri) and of Neosho (Kansas), died at Baxter Springs, Kansas, on November 19, after a brief illness. His death was peaceful. He was a man of devoted piety, of untiring energy, and of undoubted fidelity in the important work entrusted to him. Tens of thousands will bless him as the bearer to them of the words of eternal life upon the printed page. His departure is a loss to the Board.

 INDIAN TERRITORY.

A colporteur in the Indian Territory gives the following facts:

About three years ago the Presbyterian church at ——— was left without a pastor. During the first year they had worship about five times. After that, they (the church) were let alone, and for two years I visited them as much as possible, kept the Sabbath-school going by

encouraging the teachers, and occasionally holding a prayer-meeting and song service, and during the time I procured the services of some ministers of our Church for a few Sabbaths. I brought the matter before presbytery last spring. Now let us see if it paid to do this work. Last May there was a man sent to this church. In September a mission school was opened, and there are now twenty scholars on the roll. During the year thirty-one persons have united with the church (all on profession excepting four), and a goodly number of them came from the Sabbath-school. Over five hundred dollars have been raised on the field for home mission work, and no blanks will be left in the church report to presbytery. This church was reported a little over a year ago as *disorganized*. Has it not paid our Church to care for this field? Not the Board of Publication only, but all the Boards.

SABBATH-SCHOOL HELPS.

With January, in many Sabbath-schools, comes the making up the order for the year's supply of papers and helps for the study of the Bible lessons. It ought to have received attention earlier; but, earlier or later, it is a matter that concerns the pastor and his session. *Who* shall expound the Scriptures to the young people of their charge, and *who* shall guide their reading, are questions too important to be left uncared for by the guardians of the flock. In too many churches these matters are relegated to parties utterly incompetent to form an intelligent decision, or are left to the haphazard ordering of a secretary, librarian or superintendent. For a pastor to neglect to supervise this subject is to be guilty of serious wrong. Whilst he is preaching the truth in the pulpit, subject to the supervision of his presbytery, he is bound to know who are teaching the youth of the church week by week, whether by the voice or through the printed page. This responsibility may not be ignored without dereliction of duty.

In our own body this responsibility is rendered easy—not removed—by the provision made by the Presbyterian Church to meet the wants of the Sabbath-school. It has come to be an admitted fact that the demands of the Church in this respect are admirably met. Our synods and general assemblies voice the judgment of our people in their words of commendation. If the Sabbath-schools are suffered to use inferior periodicals from irresponsible sources, it is the fault of the sessions, not of the General Assembly or of its Board of Publication. How judiciously varied and full is the supply will be seen by a brief enumeration of these periodical publications, which are extremely low priced whilst admirably excellent. Thus—

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☞ Synods in SMALL CAPITALS—Presbyteries in *italics*—Churches in Roman.

BALTIMORE.— <i>Baltimore</i> —Bel Air, 10. <i>New Castle</i> —Port Deposit, 5; <i>Wilmington Central</i> , 87 91. <i>Washington City</i> — <i>Washington North</i> , 2 83. 105 74	<i>Portsmouth</i> — <i>Felicity</i> , 2 50. <i>St. Clairsville</i> — <i>Powhatan</i> , 3 50. <i>Steubenville</i> — <i>Corinth</i> , 10; <i>East Springfield</i> , 2 12. <i>Wooster</i> — <i>Holmesville</i> , 7. <i>Zanesville</i> — <i>Rev. John Pitkin</i> , 2. 63 39
COLORADO.— <i>Boulder</i> — <i>Valmont</i> , 33	PACIFIC.— <i>Benicia</i> — <i>Santa Rosa</i> , 24. <i>Los Angeles</i> — <i>San Buenaventura</i> , 4. 28 00
ILLINOIS.— <i>Allon</i> — <i>Salem Ger.</i> , 5. <i>Bloomington</i> — <i>Gibson City</i> , 2 80. <i>Cairo</i> — <i>Du Quoin</i> , 3 25. <i>Chicago</i> — <i>Austin</i> , 75 cts.; <i>Chicago 3d</i> , 8 39; <i>Chicago Westminster</i> , 17 77. <i>Ottawa</i> — <i>Plato 1st</i> , 4. <i>Peoria</i> — <i>Peoria 1st</i> , 9 06. <i>Schuyler</i> — <i>Clayton</i> , 4; <i>Perry</i> , 4. 59 02	PENNSYLVANIA.— <i>Butler</i> — <i>Grove City</i> , 9 58. <i>Carlisle</i> — <i>Upper Path Valley</i> , 6. <i>Chester</i> — <i>Phoenixville</i> , 7. <i>Clarion</i> — <i>Shiloh</i> , 1 06. <i>Northumberland</i> — <i>Williamsport 2d</i> , 2 45. <i>Philadelphia</i> — <i>Philadelphia 9th ch. sab-sch.</i> , 25; <i>Philadelphia Eastburn Mariner's</i> , 7 38; <i>Philadelphia West Spruce St.</i> , 229 75. <i>Philadelphia Central</i> — <i>Philadelphia Columbia Ave.</i> , 11 22. <i>Philadelphia North</i> — <i>Chestnut Hill</i> , 66; <i>Frankford ch. mon. contrib.</i> , 12 43; <i>Jeffersonville Centennial ch. from Mr. R. Whiting and wife</i> , 10. <i>Redstone</i> — <i>Cunnellsville</i> , 14 34. <i>Shenango</i> — <i>Neshannock</i> , 15 28. <i>West Virginia</i> — <i>Winfield ch.</i> , from a member, 4. 421 40
INDIANA.— <i>Crawfordsville</i> — <i>Dayton</i> , 3. <i>Fort Wayne</i> — <i>Ossian</i> , 3 97. <i>Logansport</i> — <i>Goodland</i> , 1; <i>La Porte</i> , 31 76. <i>Muncie</i> — <i>Wabash</i> , 1 17. 40 90	WISCONSIN.— <i>La Crosse</i> — <i>La Crosse 1st ch. (sab-sch.)</i> , 2 75; 4 17. <i>Milwaukee</i> — <i>Ottawa</i> , 39 cts. 4 56
IOWA.— <i>Council Bluffs</i> — <i>Creston</i> , 34. <i>Fort Dodge</i> — <i>Calliope</i> , 5. <i>Iowa</i> — <i>Burlington 1st</i> , 1 35; <i>Keokuk Westminster</i> , 5 49. <i>Waterloo</i> — <i>Janesville</i> , 3. 48 84	Total from churches, November, 1885.... \$1,260 96
KANSAS.— <i>Indian Territory</i> — <i>Whelock</i> , 1. <i>Osborne</i> — <i>Oberlin</i> , 1. 2 00	LEGACY.
KENTUCKY.— <i>Louisville</i> — <i>Louisville Central</i> , 10 00	Estate of John Gordon, dec'd, late of Cham- paign county, Ohio..... 105 00
MICHIGAN.— <i>Lansing</i> — <i>Delhi</i> , 4 91; <i>Windsor</i> , 3. 7 91	MISCELLANEOUS.
MINNESOTA.— <i>St. Paul</i> — <i>Minneapolis Andrew</i> , 25; <i>Minneapolis Bethlehem</i> , 1 85. 26 85	A friend of the cause, Harrisburg, Pa., 200; Mrs. H. D. Mills, Tunkhannock, Pa., 4; Mr. O. S. Mills, Tunkhannock, Pa., 5; O. Z. M., Georgetown, D. C., 1; John H. Converse, Esq., Philadelphia, 20; Trustees of the Presbyterian House, J. C. Baldwin Fund, 190 71 and Benjamin Fund, 245=435 71; "C. C. S.," Iowa, 50; "F. L. M.," Chatham, N. J., 80 cts.; "C.," New York, 1..... 718 51
MISSOURI.— <i>Osage</i> — <i>Nevada</i> , 3. <i>Palmyra</i> — <i>Kirksville</i> , 6 07. <i>St. Louis</i> — <i>St. Louis 2d</i> , 2. 11 07	2,084 47
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> — <i>Elizabeth Westminster ch. sab-sch.</i> , 42 85; <i>Lower Valley</i> , 5; <i>Plainfield Crescent Ave.</i> , 50; <i>Pluckamin</i> , 2 35. <i>Jersey City</i> — <i>Jersey City Bergen 1st ch. Youths' Miss. Assoc.</i> , 15; <i>Pater-son 3d</i> , 8. <i>Monmouth</i> — <i>Allentown</i> , 20; <i>Burlington</i> , 21 34. <i>Morris and Orange</i> — <i>Myersville Ger.</i> , 1. <i>Newark</i> — <i>Caldwell</i> , 13 96. <i>New Brunswick</i> — <i>Dayton</i> , 10 08. <i>Newton</i> — <i>Greenwich ch. sab-sch.</i> , 5 77; <i>Musconetcong Valley</i> , 5; <i>Yellow Frame</i> , 1 21. <i>West Jersey</i> — <i>Green-wich</i> , 26 36. 237 92	Less refunded to Auburn ch., Cincinnati, Ohio, sent to Board of Publication by mistake..... 21 98
NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> — <i>Binghamton 1st</i> , 13 67; <i>Conklin</i> , 1 50. <i>Boston</i> — <i>Boston 1st</i> , 18 10; <i>Windham ch. sab-sch.</i> , 12 32. <i>Cayuga</i> — <i>Auburn Central</i> , 18 50. <i>Chemung</i> — <i>Elmira 1st</i> , 4 67. <i>Genesee Valley</i> — <i>Centre-ville</i> , 1; <i>Rushford</i> , 2. <i>Hudson</i> — <i>Goodwill</i> , 1 82; <i>Otis-ville</i> , 5; <i>Ridgebury</i> , 50 cts. <i>Nassau</i> — <i>Bellmore</i> , 1. <i>New York</i> — <i>New York Phillips</i> , 31 60. <i>North River</i> — <i>Poughkeepsie</i> , 5 36. <i>Rochester</i> — <i>Honeoye Falls</i> , 3. <i>Troy</i> — <i>Hoosac Falls</i> , 26. <i>Utica</i> — <i>Waterville</i> , 7 44. <i>Westchester</i> — <i>Greenburg</i> , 48 66; <i>Pleasantville ch. from Quincy miss. sab-sch.</i> , 80 cts. 202 94	Total receipts in November, 1885.... \$2,062 49
OHIO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> — <i>Bellefontaine</i> , 1 77. <i>Chillicothe</i> — <i>Mt. Pleasant</i> , 6 35; <i>Union</i> , 3; <i>Waverly</i> , 2. <i>Cincinnati</i> — <i>Cincinnati 6th</i> , 10. <i>Columbus</i> — <i>Blendon</i> , 6 55; <i>Lancaster</i> , 3 60. <i>Mahoning</i> — <i>Middle Sandy</i> , 3.	Total receipts from April 1, 1885..... \$27,744 96

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

CHURCH SPIRES.

The increasing number of tornadoes or wind storms in our middle and western states, by which so much property has been destroyed and so many lives sacrificed, has drawn our attention to this subject and prompted the question, Are these appendages to church buildings necessary, and is the Board of Church Erection justifiable in expending the Lord's money in this way?

The grand object for which this Board was designed, and for which the money is intended, is to *shelter* the poor of Christ's flocks, and afford comfortable and commodious places for the ministers of Christ to deliver his message to their fellow men for the edification of believers and the salvation of those who are out of Christ. But what has the church steeple to do with the accomplishment of either of these objects? The duty of the preacher is not to point his hearers to the steeple of the church, but to him who "was lifted up that all men should be drawn unto him." Our objection to these useless appendages is threefold.

First. The cost of their construction. In many of our larger and more wealthy congregations the steeple alone has cost more than would build *five* such churches as we seek to erect for our feeble flocks who are crying to us for help. But as these buildings are erected and paid for by their occupants, it does not become us to pass censure. "To their own Master they stand or fall." But to the poor, with whom we identify ourselves and for whom we labor, we may be allowed to say kindly, Is it wise to expend so large a portion of your hard-earned money or of that which you ask from this Board in that "which profiteth not"? Many of the churches that ask us imploringly for \$500 or \$600 will expend a large portion of that aid in the erection of a *beautiful spire*, while they are too poor to purchase a Bible for the pulpit.

Second. Our next objection is the danger to life and limb in the construction or removal of these lofty structures. We have known instances of life having been lost in the construction or renovating of these useless structures. Higher wages must be given to tempt men to risk their life in this perilous undertaking. It seems to us we should not like to be a member of a church in the erection of whose spire the life-blood of some fellow man had been sacrificed.

Third. These structures are not only useless, but dangerous to life and property after they have been erected. Not long ago, in a neighboring city, the spire of one of our churches was condemned by the city authorities and ordered to be taken down, as it was in danger of falling. As the church was weak and could not well bear the expense, we were asked for assistance. Our answer was, "We are a *church erecting* Board and not a *church decapitation* Board!" The work was done, and some \$500 (perhaps) of the Lord's money that had been tied up there for twenty years (during which time the church was in debt) had to be taken down at a heavy expense to prevent the risk of destroying life.

A short time ago a young church in a thriving town in Kansas with aid from this Board erected a beautiful brick building, with a lofty spire which was the admiration of all who beheld it. Hardly had the church taken possession of their sanctuary when one of those severe storms struck the town, prostrated the beautiful spire, which broke through the roof and burst out the walls, so that the rubbish had to be cleared away, and the house rebuilt from the very foundation. So much for the *beauty of a spire*. But for it, in all probability, this building (like others around it) might have stood the storm. The church is suffering the effects of this disaster to this day.

It may be said the church steeple is not only a matter of taste and beauty, but useful, as it affords a place for the bell. Church bells are useful in warning the people

and gathering the congregation of worshippers simultaneously. But a belfry may be cheaply constructed, without the spire and with quite as much artistic taste and beauty, while the expense and risk is not half so great.

It often happens in these new towns that are only in the formative state a mistake is made in locating the church building; the town grows away from the church, and it becomes necessary to change the location. If the building be a plain one this may be done bodily, without taking it apart; but if it has a spire this cannot be done; the whole fabric must come down, and in its re-erection there is much waste of material which can poorly be afforded. Such are our convictions on this subject, but we fear they will not meet the approval of those who *aspire* to lofty buildings.

RECEIPTS FOR THE BOARD OF THE CHURCH ERECTION FUND IN NOV., 1885.

ATLANTIC.—*Atlantic*—Mount Sinai, 2. *Catawba*—Bethlehem, 1; Ebenezer, 1; St. Paul, 1. *Fairfield*—Tabor, 2. *Fadkin*—Boonville, 2. 9 00

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Baltimore Brown Mem'l, 84 56; Bel Air, 10. *New Castle*—Elkton, 20; Port Deposit, 12 50. *Washington City*—Washington North, 5. 132 06

COLORADO.—*Boulder*—Valmont, 66 cts. *Denver*—Georgetown, 5. *Santa Fé*—Albuquerque, 16. 21 66

DAKOTA.—*Central Dakota*—Huron, 20; St. Lawrence, 1; Wessington, 3. 24 00

ILLINOIS.—*Alton*—Salem Ger., 5. *Bloomington*—Gibson City, 5; Lexington, 10. *Cairo*—Du Quoin, 3 55. *Chicago*—Austin, 75 cts.; Chicago 3d, 25 14; Chicago Holland, 2; Pullman, 5 41; Wheeling Ger., 5; Will, 5. *Schuyler*—Macomb, 14 65. *Springfield*—Springfield 2d, 2 20. 83 70

INDIANA.—*Fort Wayne*—Fort Wayne 1st, add'l, 15. *Logansport*—Goodland, 2; Mishawaka, 6. *Muncie*—Muncie, 8; Wabash, 2 31. *Vincennes*—Salem, 2 20. 35 51

IOWA.—*Des Moines*—Garden Grove, 4. *Dubuque*—Hazelton, 2; Pleasant Grove, 2. *Fort Dodge*—Fort Dodge, 10. *Iowa*—Burlington 1st, 4 98; Keokuk Westminster, 10 87. *Waterloo*—Morrison, 3. 36 85

KANSAS.—*Emporia*—Clear Water, 7. *Indian Territory*—Achena, 1 75. *Neosho*—Fort Scott sab-sch., 6 58; Kingston, 3; Lake Creek, 3; Ottawa, 17 32. *Osborne*—Oberlin, 5. *Solomon*—Belleville, 4; Cawker City, 7. *Topeka*—Lawrence, 14 71. 69 36

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Hopkinsville, 5; Louisville 4th, 15 90. 20 90

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Howell, 25. *Grand Rapids*—Grand Rapids Westminster, 29 32. *Kalamazoo*—Edwardsburgh, 3. *Monroe*—Adrian, 26. *Saginaw*—Gladwin 1st, 3; Lapeer, 8 65. 94 97

MINNESOTA.—*St. Paul*—Minneapolis Andrew, 25; Minneapolis Bethlehem, 3 66. 28 66

MISSOURI.—*Platte*—Bethel, 2. *St. Louis*—Poplar Bluff, 5; St. Louis 2d Ger., 5. 12 00

NEBRASKA.—*Hastings*—Hanover Ger., 5; Spring Ranch, 1. *Kearney*—Berg, 1 25; Fullerton, 7 50. 14 75

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Basking Ridge, 51; Elizabethport, 12; Pluckamin, 4 23. *Jersey City*—Pater-son 3d, 8; Rutherford 1st, 32 55. *Morris and Orange*—Myersville Ger., 2; Orange 2d, 100; Succasunna, 4 15. *New Brunswick*—Dayton, 10 07; Trenton 2d, 5. *Newton*—North Hardiston, 10; Yellow Frame, 2 40. *West Jersey*—Greenwich, 18 20. 259 60

NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Binghamton 1st, 23 93; Cannonsville, 8; Conklin, 1 50; Coventry 2d, 9. *Boston*—Boston 1st, 24 27. *Brooklyn*—Edgewater 1st, 42 36. *Buffalo*—Silver Creek, 7. *Chemung*—Elmira 1st, 9 25. *Geneva*—Manchester, 5; Oaks Corners, 8. *Hudson*—Goodwill, 3 61. *Nassau*—Bellmore, 5; Huntington 1st, 33. *New York*—New York 4th, 48 13; New York Madison Square, sp. for manse, Es-

tate James R. Hills, 100; New York Westminster, 16 23. *Niagara*—Carlton, 3 50. *North River*—Pough-keepsie, 10 62. *Otsego*—New Berlin, 2. *Rochester*—Honeoye Falls, 7. *St. Lawrence*—Watertown Stone St., 7. *Syracuse*—East Syracuse, 3. *Ulva*—Sauquoit, 8 36. *Westchester*—Carmel, 16; New Rochelle, 11 85; Thompsonville, 11 28. 424 89

NORTHERN DAKOTA.—*Fargo*—Fargo, 12 38

OHIO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine, 3 51. *Chilli-cothe*—Waverly, 6. *Cincinnati*—Bethel, 6; Montgom-ery, 11 25. *Mahoning*—North Benton, 10. *Marion*—West Berlin, 3. *Maumee*—Toledo 1st, 24 43. *St. Clairsville*—Nottingham, 20; Powhattan, 2 25. *Steu-benville*—Bacon Ridge, 8 27; East Springfield, 6 48; Pleasant Hill, 1. *Wooster*—Holmesville, 6; Orrville, 3. *Zanesville*—High Hill, 3. 114 19

PACIFIC.—*Los Angeles*—Arlington, 70; Orange, 11 80. *San Francisco*—Danville, 5. 86 80

PENNSYLVANIA.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny 1st sab-sch., 31 62. *Blairsville*—Pine Run, 8. *Butler*—Grove City, 18 98; Middlesex, 8; Summit, 7. *Carlisle*—Gettysburgh, 5; Mechanicsburgh, 8 35; Middle Spring, 25. *Chester*—Chester Valley, 11 50. *Hunt-ingdon*—Mifflintown, 20 85. *Kittanning*—Bethel, 16. *Lackawanna*—Wyoming, 11. *Northumberland*—Wil-liamsport 2d, 4 75. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadel-phia Olivet, 45 66; Philadelphia Temple, 25. *Phila-delphia North*—Frankford, 8 85; Neshaminy War-wick, 15 50. *Pittsburgh*—Bethel, 34; Fairview, 6; Mansfield, 9 60; Pittsburgh 2d, 7 26. *Redstone*—Long Run, 16 50; Mt. Vernon, 5 70. *Shenango*—Mt. Pleasant, 12. *Wellsboro*—Wellsboro', 4 63. 366 78

WISCONSIN.—*Lake Superior*—Negaunee, 20. *Mil-waukee*—Ottawa, 76 cts. *Winnebago*—Oxford, 6 50; Packwaukee, 6 50. 33 76

Total from churches in November, 1885...\$1,881 82

MISCELLANEOUS.

Legacy, George A. Perkins, late of Athens, Pa., 25; W. K. Muir, Detroit, Mich., 20; "Cash," Jersey Shore, 25 cts.; Rev. M. A. Williams and wife, Medway, Oregon, 2; "C. N. Y.," 3; Rev. W. W. Eells, Allegheny, Pa., 15; Rev. J. G. Murray, Bear Poplar, N. C., 35 cts.; Reformed Church, Yonkers, sp., 10; Mrs. Ferry (through Home Board), sp., 600; Sales of church property, 585; Premiums of insurance from churches, 342 32; Partial losses collected from insurance companies, 108 67; Sales of church plans, 10 25; Interest from Permanent Fund, 543 54; Miscel-laneous, 51 2316 38

Total receipts in November, 1885... \$4,198 20

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BOARD OF RELIEF.

THE TREASURY.

By the Treasurer's statement (page 32) it will be seen that the entire receipts of the Board for current use, from the beginning of the fiscal year (April 1) to the close of November, amounted to \$66,097.98. This includes of course the interest from the Permanent Fund, as well as contributions from individuals and churches. The corresponding amount last year was \$52,087.66, an increase this year of twenty-six per cent. For this we rejoice and give thanks.

But we have a larger number of families upon our roll now than we had last year; so that unless the receipts of the Board are increased more than this twenty-six per cent., the Board cannot pay in full the appropriations recommended by the presbyteries. And the receipts for the last month (November) were only \$1460.41 in excess of those of November last year—a gain of only eighteen per cent.

Nevertheless, the Board, encouraged by the awakening interest in this cause throughout the churches, ventured at its last meeting to vote that, in the case of all who had suffered the reduction of twenty-five per cent. during the entire year, the full sums recommended by presbyteries should hereafter be paid.

And these amounts in the great majority of cases are pitifully small. *They ought to be increased.* But the question now is, Shall these small amounts be paid in full, or shall we be compelled to return to the humiliating reduction? The answer to this question rests mainly with the pastors and elders. The people will give gladly and liberally if they are only informed on the subject. How shall they be informed? The Board will gladly send their circulars in any quantities to all who may wish them for distribution. This costs money, but the expenditure is an absolute necessity on business principles. Yet however valuable may be the printed page, on account of the facts and figures it contains for permanent use, an earnest appeal from the pulpit is necessary to secure for this cause a thoughtful and prayerful consideration. When this is secured the Board are sure that God's people will never again allow any reduction in these slender appropriations, but will rather insist that our suffering brethren receive a more generous recognition of the faithful and self-denying services which, when in health, they so gladly rendered to the Church.

CONFERENCE OF ELDERS IN NEW YORK CITY.

The following report of a conference of elders in aid of the Board of Ministerial Relief appears in the papers. Mr. Brownell, the chairman of the meeting, is an elder of Dr. John Hall's church, and presided at the meeting of the elders held in Cincinnati:

Under the direction of the General Assembly of 1885, a meeting of elders, who were commissioners, was held in the interest of the Board of Ministerial Relief. This elders' meeting prepared and adopted an appeal to the elders of the whole Church, and pledged themselves to do their best at their homes for this cause.

In pursuance of this pledge, Mr. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, one of the commissioners and one of the committee appointed by the General Assembly to make arrangements for that meeting, invited elders from several churches of this city to meet with the commissioners from this presbytery at his house for conference, November 16. By request the Rev. Dr. Cattell, Secretary of the Board of Relief, attended the meeting.

Two questions were especially considered in the discussion of the evening. (1.) How to increase the interest of the members of the churches in this work. (2.) How to increase the collections for this object.

It was insisted by all as the most urgent need, that the members of the churches should be informed of the methods of the Board of Relief, the necessities of the objects of their relief, and the duties of the members towards the Board and its beneficiaries.

Plans for increasing this knowledge were proposed and discussed, namely :

First. That a meeting of the elders of this presbytery should be called by a committee of this meeting for the discussion of these questions.

Second. That application should be made to the presbytery to call a general meeting of elders for this purpose.

Third. That by these means or others, the sessions be requested to bring this Board more generally to the notice of the members of the churches.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, 1. That a minute of this meeting be sent by the chairman and secretary of this meeting as an address to each of the members of session in the Presbytery of New York, urging their co-operation in this work, together with a copy of the report of the meeting of elders in Cincinnati, containing the appeal to the elders of the churches, and a statement of the operations and needs of the Board.

Resolved, 2. That members of sessions be requested to procure additional copies of this report* from the Board of Relief, No. 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and circulate the same in their churches just prior to the collections, and if no collection is appointed, to secure the appointment of one at an early day.

CHARLES M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

S. B. BROWNELL, *Chairman.*

The Philadelphia *Presbyterian* of December 5 has the following editorial reference to this meeting :

A WORK FOR THE ELDERS.

We are glad that the interest awakened in the last General Assembly in the matter of Ministerial Relief, or the sustentation of those who, having served "their generation by the will of God," have reached the age when labor is no longer possible, and when salaries and manses must be resigned, does not suffer any abatement, and is leading to practical work. The action of the elders of New York city, which will be found on another page of the *Presbyterian* of this week, will, we hope, arrest the attention of those who are discharging the same office elsewhere. It indicates the interest which is felt on the subject in our chief city.

This action, however, is simply in line with action taken in other parts of the church, and foreshadows, we believe, a wide and general movement to make the support of our aged and disabled ministers, and of their families when they are gone, more systematic, earnest and effective. It is obvious that if the twenty thousand ruling elders now in office in the Presbyterian Church can be thoroughly united in a definite and important work, such as the enlargement of the Relief Fund and its permanent establishment as an adequate method to meet a pressing and constant necessity, the work will be done. A contribution of five dollars from each of the elders and deacons of the churches would of itself place a large sum in the treasury of the Board.

But of far more value than this is the influence which may be exerted by this large class of men, filling a sacred office, over churches and individuals, and in presbyteries and synods. The work is one which belongs to them in a special way as the friends and associates of the pastors, and as men cognizant of their trials and labors. It is an unselfish work, the fruits of which flow to other households than their own, and they can, therefore, speak to the people with freedom and earnestness. They are also business men, and this matter is largely a matter of business. The charitable thought should be banished from it completely. Moreover, for the ministry it is a

* The committee of Pennsylvania elders (see December *Record*) also recommended the circulation of this pamphlet among the membership of the Church. The Board have therefore issued a new edition, and copies will be sent in any quantities on application at the office.

subject in which they should not be called to concern themselves. It should belong wholly to the deacons and elders of the churches. And to them we believe that it may be committed in the assurance that they will not abate their zeal or remit their efforts until the sacred cause is placed on true and permanent foundations.

In the last *Record* (December) an extract was given from the letter of an elder of the Synod of Indiana, referring to the action taken by the elders who were commissioners to that synod at its last meeting. We have since received the printed account, which we gratefully place before the readers of the *Record*,—taking the liberty to italicize two sentences which are especially significant—one in the second resolution and the other in the last :

During the recent meeting of the Synod of Indiana at Logansport, a council of ruling elders was held, in which great interest was manifested in the cause of Ministerial Relief. The following resolutions were passed and approved by synod :

Resolved, That we, elders of the Presbyterian Church, delegates to the Indiana Synod now in session at Logansport, do hereby covenant and agree to carry home to our respective churches and presbyteries an appeal to the same for greater and more liberal contributions to the Relief Fund for disabled ministers and their families.

Resolved, That we hereby promise and agree to work diligently and earnestly to secure from each presbytery in the Synod of Indiana the sum of at least one hundred dollars to be donated to the Endowment or Permanent Fund of the Board of Relief on or before the 1st of January, 1886, and that *this amount shall in no way lessen our yearly offerings to said Board.*

Resolved, In order that the above be made effective, that the following committee of eight—one appointed from each Presbytery—viz ,

J. M. COULTER, of Presbytery of Crawfordsville,
R. M. HAYS, of Presbytery of Fort Wayne,
H. W. JOHNSON, of Presbytery of Logansport,
R. P. EFFINGER, of Presbytery of Muncie,
JOHN M. BUTLER, of Presbytery of Indianapolis,
C. H. CONNOR, of Presbytery of New Albany,
J. L. ORR, of Presbytery of Vincennes,
W. A. PUGH, M. D., of Presbytery of Whitewater,

be appointed to give this matter their earnest personal supervision and attention, and report their progress of the same to R. P. Effinger, who shall be chairman of said committee.

Resolved, That when said fund has been duly collected, the same shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Relief, and shall be known and designated as the Permanent Fund of the Synod of Indiana for Ministerial Relief.

Resolved, That we commend a like action to all the presbyteries in the United States of America.

RECEIPTS FOR BOARD OF RELIEF IN NOVEMBER, 1885.

ATLANTIC.—*Catawba*—Ben Salem sab-sch., 75
BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Ellicott City, 10. *New Castle*—Chesapeake City, 15; Cool Spring, 6 50; Elkton, 32; Smyrna, 15. *Washington City*—Washington 4th, 47 50; Washington North, 1 85; Washington Unity, 7 19. 135 04
COLORADO.—*Boulder*—Valmont, 48 cts. *Denver*—Denver Central, 30. *Santa Fé*—Phoenix, 5; Tombstone, 10. 45 48
COLUMBIA.—*Oregon*—Eugene City, 10 00
DAKOTA.—*Southern Dakota*—Tyndall, 2 00
ILLINOIS.—*Allon*—Baldwin, 6; Carlyle, 5 50; Nokomis, 7; Salem Ger., 5. *Bloomington*—Bloomington 1st, 21; Clinton, 14 07; Gilman, 4. *Cairo*—Du Quoin, 5; Sharon, 1 50. *Chicago*—Austin, 1 25; Bloom, 5; Chicago 3d, 25 14; Chicago 6th, 169; Chicago Holland, 1; Chicago Westminster, 20; Manteno, 35; Pullman, 6 41; Wheeling Ger., 5. *Freeport*—Linn and Hebron, 5. *Mattoon*—Tuscola, 7 25. *Ottawa*—Aurora 1st,

add'l, 1 40; Rochelle 1st, 32. *Peoria*—Peoria 1st, 13 76; Peoria Grace, add'l, 5. *Rock River*—Geneseo, 6; Princeton, 16; Woodhull, 8. *Springfield*—Farmington, 11 10; Springfield 2d, 2 10. 444 48
INDIANA.—*Crawfordsville*—Attica, 6 80; Delphi 1st, 15 36; Lafayette 1st, 6 96; Rock Creek, 1; Rockfield, 2; Waveland, 11 53. *Fort Wayne*—Ossian, 5 88. *Indianapolis*—Bethany, 3 25; Edinburgh, 6 30. *Logansport*—Bethel, 5; Bethlehem, 4 47; La Porte, 31 76; Monticello, 13 28; West Union, 3 63. *Muncie*—Wabash, 1 69. *Vincennes*—Salem, 2 60; Washington, 5. 126 51
IOWA.—*Cedar Rapids*—Cedar Rapids 1st, add'l, 66 31; Wyoming 1st, 6. *Council Bluffs*—Brooks, 3 25; Council Bluffs, 20 65; Hamburg, 5; Nodaway, 3; Walnut, 4. *Des Moines*—Des Moines, 44 32; Des Moines Westminster sab-sch. Miss. Soc., 3; Moulton, 2 75; Russell, 7 25. *Dubuque*—Independence 1st, 18 30. *Fort Dodge*—Bethel, 4 50; Calliope, 12; Car-

roll, 5; Dana, 2; Grand Junction, 10; Irvington, 1 56; Meriden, 7; Rippey, 1. *Iowa*—Burlington 1st, 2 44; Keokuk Westminster, 14 44; Lebanon, 3; Morning Sun, 13 10. *Iowa City*—Bethel, 5; Crawfordsville, 4 35; Le Claire, 9; Princeton, 7 50; Scott, 2 58; Sigourney, 8 62. *Waterloo*—Williams, 2. 298 92

KANSAS.—*Highland*—Effingham, 7; Hiawatha 1st, add'l, 7. *Indian Territory*—Achena, 1 75; Wheelock, 2. *Larned*—Burton, 1 42; Halstead 1st, 7 28; Leesburg, 3; Plevna, 1 62. *Neosho*—Chetopa, 12 62. *Solomon*—Cheever, 4; Fort Harker, 6; Mount Pleasant, 2 44; Poheta, 2 21; Sannyside, 2 35; Willow Dale, 2. *Topeka*—Black Jack, 5. 72 69

KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Flemingsburg, 16 54
MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Detroit 1st, 50; Detroit Jefferson Ave., 157; Erin, 6; Mount Clemens, 9. *Grand Rapids*—Ludington, 7. *Lansing*—Delhi, 8; Marshall, 35 85. *Monroe*—Manchester, 3 22; Tecumseh 1st, 55. 331 07

MINNESOTA.—*Northern Pacific*—Elm River, 6 12; Fargo 1st, 16 85. *St. Paul*—Minneapolis Bethlehem, 6 85; St. Paul Central, 190 15. *Winona*—Lake City 1st, 12 95. 232 92

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Appleton City, 13; Malta Bend, 5 75; Nevada, 5; Salt Springs, 3 50; Warrensburg 1st, 5. *Palmyra*—Kirksville 1st, 6 06; New Cambria, 3 50. *Platte*—Bethel, 3 25; New Point, 3 10; Parkville sab-sch., 1 42; St. Joseph Westminster, 51 50. *St. Louis*—St. Louis 2d Ger., 2; Zoar, 10. 113 08

NEBRASKA.—*Hastings*—Beaver City, 1 50; Furnas, 3; Hanover Ger., 5. 9 50

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Lower Valley, 10; Pluckamin, 3 29; Springfield, 30. *Jersey City*—Jersey City 2d, 9 88; Jersey City Bergen 1st, 51 75; Paterson East Side, 21 25; Rutherford 1st, 15 75. *Monmouth*—Burlington, 70 89. *Morris and Orange*—Mendham 1st, per Rev. I. W. C., 25; Mendham 2d, 15; Morristown 1st, 122 22; Orange Central, per three friends, 8. *Newark*—Newark 1st, 54 35. *New Brunswick*—Bound Brook, 12 53; Lawrence, 27 85; Trenton 2d, 10; Trenton 3d (including 7 18 from sab-sch.), 100. *Newton*—Musconetcong Valley, 10; Stillwater, 10; Yellow Frame, 1 75. 609 51

NEW YORK.—*Albany*—Kingsboro', 5; West Milton, 1. *Binghamton*—Binghamton 1st, 20 51; Conklin, 1 50; Nichols, 4; Waverly 1st, 45 12. *Buffalo*—Alden, 4 50; Silver Creek, 14. *Cayuga*—Auburn 2d, 39 25. *Chester*—Elmira 1st, 6 75. *Genesee*—Castile, 15 21. *Genesee*—Phelps, 17 75. *Hudson*—Chester, 32 10; Circleville, 5; Goodwill, 2 63; Middletown 1st, 14 50; Otisville, 10; Ridgebury, 25 cts. *Long Island*—Yaphank, Thanksgiving offering, 10. *Lyons*—Newark, 26; Ontario, "Cash," 10. *New York*—New York Covenant, 525 38; New York Phillips, 42 80; New York University Place, 735 97; New York Westminster, 16 23. *Niagara*—Carlton, 2 60. *North River*—Hughsonville, 6; Poughkeepsie, 7 75. *Otsego*—New Berlin, 2 25; Stamford 1st, 10. *Rochester*—Honeoye Falls, 6; Livonia, 10; Moscow, 5; Webster, 18. *St. Lawrence*—Hammond, 15; Watertown Stone St., 14. *Syracuse*—Onondaga Valley, 5 50. *Troy*—Salem, 50; Sandy Hill, 5; Troy 9th, 35. *Utica*—Booneville, 13 34; Holland Patent 1st, 6; Sauquoit, 9 41. *Westchester*—Mahopac Falls, 28 75; Stamford 1st, 125 69; Yonkers Westminster (including 25, Thanksgiving offering from sab-sch.), 39 43. 2019 57

OHIO.—*Bellefontaine*—Bellefontaine 1st, 2 56; Forest, 2 50. *Chillicothe*—Hillsborough, 203 45; Pisgah, 6; Waverly, 5. *Cincinnati*—Avondale, add'l, 20; Bethel, 7; Goshen, 5; Montgomery, 10. *Columbus*—Columbus 1st, 125; Columbus Hope, 14; Lower Liberty, 7 25. *Dayton*—Dayton Third St., 334; New Carlisle, 18. *Lima*—Turtle Creek, 4. *Mahoning*—Middle Sandy, 8; North Benton, 11. *Marion*—Richwood, 3. *Portsmouth*—Manchester, 9. *St. Clairsville*—Cambridge, 5; Concord, 4 35. *Stuebenville*—East Springfield, 5 37. *Wooster*—Fredericksburg, 15 50; Holmesville, 6; Lexington, 14 30; Orrville, 3. *Zanesville*—Clark, 4; Granville sab-sch., 6 95; High Hill, 4; Newark Salem Ger., 3 03; Unity, 5 60; Utica, 24; West Carlisle, 4. 899 86

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—San Rafael (including 10 55 from sab-sch.), 59 85; Santa Rosa (including 3 from sab-

sch.), 26. *Los Angeles*—Hueneme, 5. *San Francisco*—Danville, 5; San Francisco Larkin St., 17. 112 85

PENNSYLVANIA.—*Allegheny*—Cross Roads, 10 65; *Blairsville*—Salem, 19 13. *Butler*—Grove City, 13 85; *Scrub Grass*, 20; Summit, 8. *Carlisle*—Gettysburg, 16 35; Middle Spring, 25; Paxton, 27. *Chester*—Bryn Mawr (including 50 from sab-sch.), 134 25; Phoenixville 1st, 6 89. *Erie*—Concord, 3; Erie Park, per L. and F. S., 30; Pleasantville, 16; Sugar Creek, 6; Westminster, 4. *Huntingdon*—Bald Eagle, 11; Buffalo Run, 11; Lewistown sab-sch., 50; Millintown, 51 85; Tyrone, 22 17. *Kittanning*—Clinton, 4; Smicksburg, 5 50. *Lackawana*—Brooklyn, 15; Scranton 1st, W. H. M. Soc., 78; Towanda 1st, 113 13; Wyoming (including 5 from sab-sch.), 27. *Lehigh*—Allentown, add'l, 11; Mahanoy City 1st, 20; Mauch Chunk 1st, 39 98; White Haven, 19 46. *Northumberland*—Shiloh, 3 14; Williamsport 2d, 14 30. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia 2d, 233 02; Philadelphia Calvary, 323 34. *Philadelphia Central*—Philadelphia North Broad St., from Samuel C. Huey, 50; Philadelphia Olivet, 41 49. *Philadelphia North*—Frankford, 12 43; Germantown 1st, 427 87. *Pittsburgh*—Bethany, 22; Fairview, 7; Mansfield, 11 52; Pittsburgh 2d, 7 26; Pittsburgh Bellefield, add'l, 10; Swissvale, 22. *Redstone*—Mt. Pleasant, 11; Mt. Pleasant Reunion, 10; Mt. Washington, 1 55; Pleasant Unity, 5 66. *Washington*—Cove, 11. *Wellsboro'*—Wellsboro' 1st, 3 38. *Westminster*—Wrightsville, 12. *West Virginia*—Parkersburg 1st, 15; Sugar Grove, 4. 2078 15

TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—Mt. Zion, 4 00
WISCONSIN.—*La Crosse*—La Crosse 1st (including 4 12 from sab-sch.), 6 15. *Lake Superior*—Florence, 11. *Madison*—Beloit 1st, 7; Janesville 1st and sab-sch., 16; Middleton Ger., 1 04. *Milwaukee*—Ottawa, 55 cts.; Stone Bank, 3. 44 74

From the churches..... 7,607 66

MISCELLANEOUS.

"From R.," 3; Per Miss Sue Riddle, 3 50; Rev. Silas S. Hyde, 5; Charles S. Scott, sp., 10; Mrs. E. A. Byles, Fredonia, Pa., 2; "From a student," 2 50; "M. M. M.," Syracuse, 10; Mrs. Sarah Bartholomew, 1 00; J. B. Warner, Cal., 10; Rev. John Pitkin, Ohio, 2; "From a friend," Ill., sp., 5; Mrs. E. O. Conger, for Perth Amboy, 5; "From a friend, Brick ch., N. J.," 5; "K. Z., N. Y.," 100; William Wallace, Kan., 38 cts.; "A friend, Albany, N. Y.," 40; Rev. William A. Holliday, D.D., 50; Mrs. C. B. Richardson, Boston, 5; W. F. Wilson, Ohio, 10; C. R. Gearheart, Pa., 5; "J. R.," N. J., 1; Fannie U. Nelson, Ohio, 2; Mrs. Robert Douglass and daughter, 2; Rev. John Currer, Ill., 5; Mrs. Sarah Smith, N. Y., 5; "Thank-offering, Pa.," 5; "T. M. S.," Ohio, 10; Mrs. R. S. Marsh, Mich., 3; Rev. John Donaldson, Mo., 1; Kate R. Laughlin and brother, Pa., 5; F. A. Ferris, N. Y., 100; "A friend, Morris, Ill.," 25; Rev. C. C. Hart, Ohio, 10; J. A. Holmes, Mo., 20; "C., N. Y.," 4; Rev. W. F. Keen and wife, Pa., 4; Rev. W. W. Eells, Pa., 25. From individuals..... 600 38 From Interest on Permanent Fund..... 1,331 61

For current use..... \$9,539 65

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BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR FREEDMEN.

AMONG THE SYNODS AND SYNODICAL MEETINGS.

BY THE SECRETARY.

In these days of "woman's work" we have, together with the meetings of synods, ladies synodical and presbyterial societies, where one can meet the devout Christian women of the Presbyterian Church who are engaged in earnest, active work for the Master. And it is certainly inspiring to be in these women's meetings. One is deeply impressed with their earnestness and devotion. These Christian women meet to work and not to talk, in which they contrast strangely with many of our synods.

We commenced our tour among these meetings by a visit to the Erie Presbyterial Society, which met at Titusville, Pa., where the secretary's wife had been especially invited to address the meeting in behalf of the freedmen of the South. A popular meeting was arranged for the first evening, at which Dr. Roberts of the Home Board was expected to speak. He however failed to come, and the secretary of the Freedmen's Board was asked to represent the Home Board, with the privilege of giving half his time to the cause of freedmen. As there had been some talk lately of transferring the Freedmen's Board to that of Home Missions, the secretary accepted the invitation to speak, and proceeded at once to *consolidate* the Home Board *with the Freedmen's Board*, the Freedmen's at the top and Home Missions underneath, and the consolidation was so complete, with the Freedmen in front, we think that if the brethren in New York had been there, they would have seen the fitness of things in transferring the Home Board to that of the Freedmen, rather than the latter to the former. After the first evening the meeting was entirely in the hands of the ladies, and was carried on with increased interest to the close. At the close of the address of the secretary's wife, the society pledged \$300 for furnishing a boarding cottage for our school at Amelia C. H., Va.

Our next visit was to the Huntingdon Presbyterial Society meeting at Tyrone, Pa., where again in the popular meeting the Home Board was consolidated with the Freedmen's, the Freedmen still uppermost. In the meeting the next day, the secretary as well as his wife had the privilege of addressing the ladies in behalf of the three millions of freedwomen who so much need womanly sympathy and help.

From this place we started for the Synod and Ladies Synodical Society of Indiana. The former met at Logansport, where we had a popular meeting on Saturday evening in behalf of our cause, which was very largely attended and deep sympathy expressed for our work. The Ladies Society met at Crawfordsville, and was one of the largest and

best meetings of the kind we ever attended. It was encouraging to see the large audience room of Centre Church crowded with Christian women all earnest in extending the Saviour's kingdom. This meeting was composed of societies both of the Home and Foreign Boards, one day devoted to the interests of each board. One feature of this meeting afforded us unusual pleasure, viz., the perfect harmony and co-operation of the societies belonging to the Home and Foreign Boards. On Home Mission day the president of the Foreign Missionary Society presided with the president of the Home Missionary Society, and on the Foreign Mission day the latter presided with the former. It was indeed pleasant to see the sisters thus "dwelling in unity together." On Home Mission day the cause of the freedwomen was represented by the wife of the secretary, and \$400 pledged by the society to support a teacher in our new boarding-school for colored girls which the Board has determined to establish at Crockett, Texas.

Our next point was St. Louis, where we received a royal welcome from the pastors of the First and Second Churches, together with a most generous collection for our Board from Dr. Nicolls' church. A ladies meeting was held in the parlors of the First Church in the interest of our work among the freedmen, and addressed by Mrs. Allen.

From this city we had to hurry in order to meet the Synods of New Jersey and New York, meeting at Atlantic City and Troy. At the New Jersey Synod we had to speak and run, as New York met on the same day. We had hardly time to shake hands with the New Jersey brethren, which we much regretted, as this synod always manifests a warm side for our Board. My maiden speech for freedmen was made before this synod some five years since.

We reached Troy in time for the popular meeting on Thursday evening. Here the Home Board had the upper hand of the Freedmen's and did not consolidate so well. Three speakers to one, with Dr. Kendall at the head—three white men to one *colored man*—is hardly fair. Still we received a fair share of the sympathy and good will of the large audience present. I got the advantage of Dr. Kendall, however, on the following Sabbath in Troy, for Dr. Irvin of the Second Church had arranged for me to speak in four churches in the city on that day, and I put in the fifth to fill out the time and make a full day's work.

The Ladies Synodical Society, which met in the Second Street Church during the sessions of synod, was attended by earnest Christian women from all parts of the state, and in such numbers that the large audience room of the church was filled. I did not have the privilege of addressing this meeting, but the "better half" did, and received promises of substantial aid from the women. Three of their presbyterial societies have pledged \$400 each for the support of a teacher under the Board.

Our month's tour was brought to a close by attending the Carlisle Presbyterian Society, which met at Chambersburg, Pa. The sessions were opened with a popular meeting in the interest of the freedmen. Here the secretary had the whole time and "full swing," without any interference whatever on the part of the white people. While we would not by any means draw the color line in anything we say, we confess a good deal of satisfaction in having a clear track and unlimited time for the freedmen. Full time was also granted the secretary's wife to present the condition and needs of the colored women and girls of the South, which resulted in \$250 being pledged for our new school for colored girls in Texas.

Our readers will see from this article that the Christian women of our Church are waking up to the importance and imperative need of the work to be done for the freedwomen and girls, who are to be the home-makers among their people, and two-thirds of whom are yet illiterate and without the means of Christian and elevating influences. Many of the societies under the Woman's Executive Committee have taken up this work and are pushing it with much earnestness, and we trust that many more will do so. Three millions of helpless colored women and girls, who are anxious to rise to a purer and better life, may well appeal to their more fortunate white sisters for womanly sympathy and aid. We hope the ladies presbyterial societies will remember that the Woman's Executive Committee at New York have a "Freedmen's Department."

AMONG THE FREEDMEN.

On completing our tour among some of our northern synods, we turned our faces toward our colored brethren of the Synod of Atlantic, which met at Macon, Ga., November 11. It is always a pleasure to meet with this synod; the brethren are so cordial, so good humored and enter into all they do with so much heart.

The gathering was not as large as usual, owing to the fact that the place of meeting was too remote from most of them and the trip too expensive for short purses. It was a good meeting, however, and much important work was done. On Thursday evening the time was occupied by our field secretary, Rev. H. N. Payne, who made a most excellent address, which at once won the hearts and confidence of the brethren. Mr. Payne is doing a most important work for the Board in looking after matters on the field and aiding the brethren by his counsel and holding meetings with them in their churches. Most of Friday was taken up in discussing the practical subject of self-support, which had been suggested by Mr. Payne in his address. The following resolutions were the result of this discussion, viz. :

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this synod that it is of the first importance that the churches within our bounds make earnest efforts to become self-supporting at the earliest practicable period.

2. That our presbyteries be recommended so to group the churches within their bounds and encourage the formation of pastorates as will promote the cause of self-support.

3. That it is the decided conviction of synod that under ordinary circumstances a church should not be *aided* longer than five years.

Previous to this discussion, and immediately after Mr. Payne's address, the following resolutions in regard to his work were unanimously passed, viz. :

Resolved, 1. That this synod approve the action of the Freedmen's Board in appointing a field secretary in connection with our work in the South.

2. That we have heard with great pleasure the address of the Rev. H. Nelson Payne, the field secretary, and bespeak for him the cordial sympathy and co-operation of our churches and ministers in the work in which he is engaged.

Friday evening was devoted to the interests of Home and Foreign Missions under the auspices of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society. Mrs. Emory Williams, wife of our pastor at Abbeyville, S. C., president of the society, made an excellent address, in which she gave an account of the working of the society during the year. Mrs. Williams is a pleasant speaker, clear, distinct and graceful in her manner. She was followed with an address by Mrs. McDowell, the wife of our minister at Greenville, S. C. This address was full of pith and points and practical common sense, and delivered in a very pleasing manner. A paper on missionary work was then read by Mrs. Carr, the wife of the pastor at Macon, which would have done credit to any lady, white or colored, and would have been listened to with profound interest by any audience of white people anywhere North or South. We were glad to learn from the reports that over twenty auxiliary societies have been formed and are at work within the bounds of the synod, and that a deeper interest is being awakened among our colored sisters in the cause of missions.

Saturday evening was devoted to the temperance cause.

The synodical communion service on Sabbath was one of the most interesting and impressive I have ever attended. The sermon by Rev. W. A. Alexander of Franklinton, N. C., was exceedingly appropriate and made a good impression. The addresses of Brothers Saunders and Baker in distributing the bread and wine were short, impressive and to the point. As the bread was passing, a brother commenced the old hymn, "*Oh, how I love Jesus*," which the communicants sang in a very low, plaintive tone, which made the scene exceedingly impressive.

After the cup was on its passage among the communicants the same brother started the hymn, "*Jesus paid it all*," which was sung in the same quiet tone, while every head was bowed. Just as the distribution of the elements was finished the hymn, "*I am bound for the promised land*," was started in more joyous strains and joined in by the whole audience. I do not remember ever to have been more profoundly impressed by a communion season.

It was a good closing of the meeting of synod, which adjourned on Sabbath evening after a sermon from Brother Emory Williams. Our church at Macon, under Mr. Carr as pastor, is in a prosperous condition and is now self-sustaining. The parochial school, under Mrs. Carr, is doing an important work for the children of the church.

In travelling through the South we saw vast and destitute fields which ought at once to be occupied by the Board; and we would do so if the churches would give us the means. In some of the counties in middle Florida through which we passed, we learned there were three colored persons to one white, with little or nothing being done for them, spiritually or educationally. The Church has not yet realized the importance and vastness of our work among the freedmen.

The following letter from Rev. J. T. H. Waite, of Dorchester, Liberty county, Ga., will call forth the sympathy of Christian people. Southern Georgia and Florida have been visited by severe and destructive rains, accounts of which were contained in the secular papers. Mr. Waite writes:

Last Friday was regular session day, but the elders could not get together for the depth of water. Last Sabbath a part of the church gathered in the sanctuary, but the most were still prevented by the flooded roads and the broken bridges. But we had a deeply tender exercise of prayer and faith, for the people and minister felt very tenderly the need of faith and God to comfort in the heavy losses of the week, and to encourage for the distressing trials of the coming winter and spring. It was a storm of seven days; the people call it the deluge. Very few will save any rice or cotton, or have any potatoes or peas. Their little fields of corn and patches of sugar cane are all they have to depend on for provisions, clothing and other necessaries. And the worst of it is that most of them are in debt to the stores, and for borrowed money, for which they mortgaged their little farms; so they are at the mercy of the lenders. Some of these are good Christian men with tender sympathies, and I doubt not that they will be merciful, and give the people another year. But at the best they cannot recover for years to come. The church owes the Board of Publication \$30 for hymnals, which they expected to pay this month. And the young men owe a silver firm about \$40 on the communion service, which they

thought they could easily pay this month. If the service was not engraved with the name and dates on every piece we might return it.

Nevertheless the sanctuary and the presence of the Lord lifted us up. How sweet, tender and soft the hymns were, mostly their own unwritten songs—an unusual thing here. I read David's soliloquy to his soul, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Hope thou in God," etc. And for the second lesson I read the story of Job, and commented upon it briefly, and gave the meeting to the brethren. For three hours they sung and talked and prayed, confessing their sins and crying, "Thy will be done." Talks were full of David and Job, and prayers to be like them. The last hymn, "Father, whate'er of earthly bliss," was sung on our knees, and with a sense of the wonderful blessings left. They sung the doxology, and determined on a series of meetings before the postponed communion. Ricebow Church and our Bryan county mission are probably in the same condition.

RECEIPTS FOR FREEDMEN IN NOVEMBER, 1885.

BALTIMORE.—*Washington City*—Washington North, 2 21.

COLORADO.—*Boulder*—Valmont, 33 cts. *Santa Fé*—Phoenix, 1.

COLUMBIA.—*Oregon*—Phoenix, 7; *Jacksonville*, 3. *Puget Sound*—Olympia, 3 75.

ILLINOIS.—*Alton*—Salem Ger., 5. *Bloomington*—Tolono, 8 16; *Gilman*, 5. *Cairo*—Enfield, 4 90; *Shawneetown*, 14. *Chicago*—Chicago 3d, 25 14; *Holland*, 2; *Will*, 5. *Maltoon*—Tower Hill, 8; *Prairie Bird*, 10. *Peoria*—Prospect, 15 80. *Rock River*—Rock Island Central, 7. *Schuyler*—Elvaston, 3 50.

INDIANA.—*Crawfordsville*—Waveland, 13 01. *Fort Wayne*—Ossian, 6 84. *Indianapolis*—Russellville, 3; *Bethany*, 2 50. *Logansport*—Mishawaka, 4. *Muncie*—Wabash, 1 17.

IOWA.—*Cedar Rapids*—Onslow, 11 30; *Bethel*, 3. *Council Bluffs*—Hamburg, 4; *Neola*, 7. *Fort Dodge*—Marcus, 3; *Sioux City*, 21. *Iowa*—Martinsburg, 7; *Lebanon*, 5; *Burlington* 1st, 1 85; *Keokuk* Westminster, 5 49. *Iowa City*—Oxford, 3 10; *Bethel*, 5. *Waterloo*—Morrison, 3.

KANSAS.—*Highland*—Clifton, 8 50. *Osborne*—Oberlin, 2. *Topeka*—Edgerton sab-sch., 4 25; *Lawrence* 1st, 34 70.

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Howell, 25. *Lansing*—Wind-
sor, 3.

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Le Sueur, by F. Tomlinson, 10. *St. Paul*—Westminster sab-sch., 39 69; *Franklin Ave.*, 30; *Bethlehem*, 1 85. *Winona*—Lake City, 26 50.

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Nevada, 3. *St. Louis*—St. Louis 2d, 4 17; 2d Ger., 2; *Rock Hill* sab-sch., 1 10.

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Perth Amboy, 11 25; *Westminster*, 313; *Pluckamin*, 4 23. *Jersey City*—*Jersey City* 2d, 9 87; *Hackensack*, 8. *Monmouth*—*Farmingdale*, 5; *Burlington*, 25 84. *Morris and Orange*—*Morristown* South St., 190 50; *Mendham* 1st, by Rev. I. W. Cochran and wife, 20; *Myersville* Ger., 2. *Newton*—*Yellow Frame*, 1 21; *North Hardiston*, 15. *West Jersey*—*Camden* 1st, 28 22.

NEW YORK.—*Albany*—*Rockwell Falls*, 5; *Corinth*, 2. *Binghamton*—*Conklin*, 1 50; *Binghamton* 1st, 13 67. *Chemung*—*Elmira* 1st, 4 67. *Genesee Valley*—*Rushford*, 2 30; *Centreville*, 1. *Geneva*—*Geneva* 1st, 28 66. *Hudson*—*Goshen*, 20 07; *Haverstraw* 1st, 12; *Goodwill*, 1 82. *Long Island*—*Setauket*, 10. *Lyons*—*Wolcott* 1st, 2 57. *Niagara*—*Knowlesville*, 10. *New York*—1st Union, 32 19. *North River*—*Marlborough*, 35; *Amenia* South, 33 34; *Poughkeepsie*, 5 36. *Otsego*—*Cherry Valley*, 15; *Gilbertville*, 16. *Rochester*—

Rochester Brick sab-sch. infant class, 25; *Honeoye Falls*, 7. *St. Lawrence*—*Theresa*, 4 50. *Syracuse*—*Oswego* 1st, 14 81. *Troy*—*Sandy Hill*, 1. *Utica*—*Verona*, 11; *Bethany*, 35 05. *Westchester*—*Irvington*, 48 85; *Riverdale*, 10.

OHIO.—*Bellefontaine*—*Bellefontaine* 1st, 1 77. *Cincinnati*—*College Hill*, 17 87. *Columbus*—*Blendon*, 7 65. *Mahoning*—*Alliance* Westminster, 6. *Maumee*—*Bryan* 1st, 9 90. *St. Clairsville*—*Cambridge*, 6; *Crab Apple*, 7 62. *Steubenville*—*East Springfield*, 4 56. *Wooster*—*Orrville*, 5. *Zanesville*—*Homer*, 2 30.

PACIFIC.—*San José*—*Watsonville*, 5.

PENNSYLVANIA.—*Allegheny*—*Bridgewater*, 4 70; *Bellevue*, 6 07. *Butler*—*Harlansburg*, 7; *Plain Grove* sab-sch., 46; *North Washington*, 8 51; *Scrubgrass*, 1; *Grove City*, 9 58. *Clarion*—*Shiloh*, 1 07. *Erie*—*Titusville*, 4; *Cambridge*, 9; *Gravel Run*, 8; *Jamestown*, 2; *Westminster* sab-sch., 4. *Huntingdon*—*Houtzdale*, 4; *Benah*, 1; *Clearfield*, 13 12; *Clearfield* sab-sch., 10. *Kittanning*—*Kittanning* 1st, 57 32; *Leechburg*, 15. *Lackawanna*—*Honesdale* sab-sch., 10 91; *Wilkesbarre* *Young Ladies* Miss. Band, 35; *Wyoming* sab-sch., 5; *Wyalusing* 1st, 3; *Scranton* *Green Ridge Ave.* sab-sch., 18 30. *Northumberland*—*Renovo*, 5 37; *Renovo* sab-sch., 5; *Williamsport* 2d, 6 25. *Philadelphia*—*Philadelphia* Tabernacle, 100 39. *Philadelphia Central*—*Philadelphia* Kensington 1st, 30 65. *Pittsburgh*—*Pittsburgh* East Liberty, 46; *Crafton*, 10; *Mt. Pisgah*, 9. *Redstone*—*Tyrone*, 3 07. *Shenango*—*New Castle* 1st, *Helena* Band, 11; *Slippery Rock*, 10. *Washington*—*Waynesburg*, 8 90. *Willsboro*—*Wellsboro* 2 33.

TENNESSEE.—*Holston*—*Freedmen* ch., 1. *Kingston*—*Madisonville*, 3.

WISCONSIN.—*Milwaukee*—*Ottawa*, 39 cts.

Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, 267 50.

MISCELLANEOUS.

K. M. W., 15; C. M. W., 15; Haymount, N. C., sab-sch., 1 50; Rev. J. G. Murray, Bear Poplar, N. C., 1; Rev. A. G. Taylor, Walnut Grove, Mo., 5; C. A. Aiken, Joliet, Ill., 15; Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Williams, Medford, Oregon, 2; Friends, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, 20; Mrs. J. Dinsmore, Cross Creek, Pa., 10; Rev. W. W. Eells, Pittsburgh, Pa., 20; Rev. J. H. Nassau, Ogove, W. Africa, 2; Legacy of George A. Perkins, late of Athens, Pa., 50; "C," N. Y., 5.

Total in November, 1885..... \$2,931 72
Total since April 1st, 1885..... \$25,788 57

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BOARD OF AID FOR COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES.

The unfinished work before this Board required a called meeting, which was held December 1. At that time the list of appropriations for the current ecclesiastical year was made complete, since the Board is not expected to meet again until May. This completed list is now given. To the institutions named in the last *Monthly Record* it adds six to which appropriations have not been made. It changes, by virtue of a new vote, one of the appropriations before reported, and corrects an inaccuracy that appeared in the former list. *Pro rata* distribution only has been pledged to the institutions whose names are printed in italics.

COMPLETE LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885-86.

HELP CONTINUED.

COLLEGES.

Bellevue, Neb.,	\$750
Del Norte, Col.,	1500
Emporia, Kan.,	2000
Galesville, Wis.,	1000
Hastings, Neb.,	2500
Lenox, Iowa,	750
Montana, Mon.,	2500
Park, Mo.,	1000
Pierre, S. Dak.,	1500

ACADEMIES.

Albany, Or.,	450
Geneseo, Ill.,	1500
Princeton, Ky,	1000
Salt Lake, Utah,	1500
Sumner, Wash. Ter.,	1000
Union, of S. Ill.,	750
Sedalia, Mo.,	1000

FIRST HELP.

COLLEGES.

Coates, Young Ladies', Terre Haute, Ind.,	\$500
<i>German Theological School, Literary Department Newark, N. J.,</i>	1000
Macalester, St. Paul, Minn.,	1500
<i>Oswego, Young Ladies, Kan.,</i>	1500
<i>Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Cal.,</i>	1000
<i>Jamestown, Dak.,</i>	2000
Longmont, Col.,	2175
Highland, Kan.,	1500

ACADEMIES.

Corning, Iowa,	1500
<i>Ellensburg, Wash. Ter.,</i>	500
<i>Fort Dodge, Iowa,</i>	1000
Grassy Cove, Tenn.,	150
Huntsville, Tenn.,	150
Poynette, Wis.,	300
Rittenhouse, Tenn.,	400
<i>Salida, Col.,</i>	800
<i>Van Vliet, Dubuque, Iowa,</i>	800
<i>Groton, Dak.,</i>	1000
Wichita, Kan.,	1000

From the above it appears that the Board has made absolute promises to the aggregate amount of \$25,125. This amount may possibly be increased, after some correspondence, by \$300. It may, on the other hand, be somewhat diminished if conditions upon which some of the appropriations hinge should not be met. The *pro rata* appropriations amount to \$14,350. The aggregate, at the largest, is \$39,775. Since the Board is eager to open channels of help wherever the Church's interest requires, it has selected all these institutions as fit to be aided, and to the degree which in each case is indicated. But the Board has been equally anxious to end the year out of debt, and therefore it has set the amount of its absolute promises but a little way beyond the aggregate of the gifts which the churches made for this general purpose last year. That was the second year of this work, and it showed a great increase upon the first year's income. The Board has now counted upon a further increase, but it has kept its expectations moderate, not forgetting how the exceptional necessities of the two largest Boards must affect the interests, especially of their youngest sister. The dread which the members of the Board have had of carrying to the next General Assembly the confession that still another Board is in debt, could hardly have been greater if their personal finances had been in question. But let the carefulest of our readers "put himself in their place," and judge, with candor, what he would have done. Unless this work was made to grow, why was it begun? Less than three years ago it was nothing. When the Church out of that nothing ordained something she meant that that something should develop year by year. Now when it develops on both sides—on the side of institutions with their need and promise, on the side of the Church's sympathy and supply—how could this Board be true to the manifest

meaning of the Church and her Master, unless in this third year, as in the others, it still arranged a moderate scope for development? Has it gone too far, or stopped too soon? The institutions whose applications have failed or only half succeeded are disgusted with the Board's parsimony. Yet if the collections fall short it may be chidden for its prodigality. "Put yourself in their place." They have, with prayer, deliberation and great diffidence of their own wisdom, scanned all the possibilities, and done their best. If the same prudent but hearty temper is in the Presbyterian Church, as we believe it is, this third year will end as the past two have done, with the Church and the Board keeping step together, and with no debt.

A recent letter from Hastings College, Neb., reports the conversion of nine students, and the work of grace proceeding.

RECEIPTS OF THE BOARD OF AID IN NOVEMBER, 1885.

BALTIMORE.— <i>New Castle</i> —Chesapeake City, 9; Elkton, 10 99. <i>Washington City</i> —Washington North, 2 21.		LEGACY.	
COLUMBIA.— <i>Puget Sound</i> —Sumner, 5 00		From George A. Perkins, Athens, Pa.....	25 00
ILLINOIS.— <i>Cairo</i> —Carbondale, 9. <i>Mattoon</i> —Vandalia, 3.		PERSONAL DONATIONS.	
INDIANA.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —Indianapolis 2d sab-sch., 25. <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash, 1 53.		Rev. H. A. Dorsey, Russellville, Ind., 2; "C. N. Y.," 1.....	3 00
IOWA.— <i>Council Bluffs</i> —Walnut, 1. <i>Des Moines</i> —Russell, 6. <i>Iowa City</i> —Malcom, 3.		Total receipts of the Board, Nov., 1885.....	\$469 77
KANSAS.— <i>Larned</i> —Ellinwood, 2. <i>Neosho</i> —Princeton, 2 20; Richmond, 2; Oberlin, 2. <i>Solomon</i> —Solomon, 15.		Total receipts of Board of Aid since May 1, 1885.....	5530 40
MINNESOTA.— <i>Red River</i> —Fergus Falls sab-sch., 11 50. <i>St. Paul</i> —Minneapolis Andrew, 25.		Received for transmission (for particulars see statement below of "General College Aid").....	123 44
MISSOURI.— <i>Platte</i> —New Point, 2 35; Oregon, 1 25. <i>St. Louis</i> —St. Louis Ger., 1.		CHARLES M. CHARNLEY, <i>Treasurer</i> , 241 S. Water St., Chicago, Ill.	
NEBRASKA.— <i>Nebraska City</i> —Beatrice, 10. <i>Omaha</i> —Lyons, 3.		DIRECT DONATIONS.	
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Pluckamin, 3. <i>Monmouth</i> —Tom's River, 1 50. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —Morris Plains, 5. <i>Newark</i> —Newark Central, 30. <i>Newton</i> —Greenwich, 10.		<i>Made to institutions, under the Board's endorsement, and so acknowledged by the recipients.</i>	
NEW YORK.— <i>Albany</i> —Albany, 10 50. <i>Binghamton</i> —Binghamton 1st, 23 93; Conklin, 1 50. <i>Genesee</i> —Pike, 2. <i>Genesee Valley</i> —Portville, 10. <i>Geneva</i> —Seneca, 28 65. <i>North River</i> —Pleasant Plains, 6 26. <i>St. Lawrence</i> —Theresa, 7 02. <i>Troy</i> —Brunswick, 11 10. <i>Westchester</i> —Sing Sing, 40.		To Hastings College, Neb.—Through Rev. Charles E. Edwards, sub. from 1st ch. Mifflinburg, Pa., 2, and sub. from Hastleton ch., 3; A donor who withholds his name from publication, 1000; Collection Blairsville ch., Pa., 15.	1020 00
OHIO.— <i>Columbus</i> —Blendon, 8 80. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Jackson, 3.		For endowment of Union Academy of Southern Illinois, Anna, Ill.—Mrs. Kitty Faber, Grace ch., Peoria Pres., 1; Rev. F. F. Stoltz, 10; J. D. Newbegin, 5; H. P. Tuthill, 5; C. E. Kirkpatrick, 5; E. A. Davie, 5; Miss Mary Loomis, 5; Frank Willard, 5; Walter H. Willard, 25; James K. Walton, 20; Oliver Alden, 100—all of Anna ch., Pres. Cairo.	186 00
PACIFIC.— <i>Benicia</i> —Mendocino, 1 90. <i>Los Angeles</i> —San Buenaventura, 12.		Total.....	\$1206 00
PENNSYLVANIA.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Harrisburg Pine St., 35 44. <i>Northumberland</i> —Williamsport 2d, 55 cts. <i>Philadelphia Central</i> —Hebron Memorial, 3 14; Olivet, 20 59. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Fairview, 4; Knoxville, 3 86. <i>Shenango</i> —Unity, 5.		Total of direct donations since May 1, 1885,	1476 00

ADDITIONAL MONTHLY STATEMENT OF GENERAL COLLEGE AID.

[Any aid of Presbyterian colleges or academies, other than that provided by this Board, will, upon official information, be reported to the Church in this statement.]

Transmitted through Mr. Charnley, treasurer of this Board.—From Pine St. ch., Harrisburg, Pa., to Wilson Female College, 57 40; From 2d ch., Springfield, Ill., to Blackburn University, 16 04; From Keokuk 1st Westminster ch., Iowa, to Parsons College, 50.

RECEIPTS OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE, NOV., 1885.

MINNESOTA.— <i>St. Paul</i> —House of Hope ch., 58 24	Total for November, 1885.....	\$136 80
NEW JERSEY.— <i>New Brunswick</i> —Flemington, 10 00	Total receipts from May 12, 1885.....	1,276 70
NEW YORK.— <i>New York</i> —Mrs. Melissa P. Dodge, 50. <i>North River</i> —Cornwall-on-Hudson, 6 25. <i>Ulica</i> —Sauquoit, 7 81.	DAVID M. STIGER, <i>Treasurer</i> , 58 Barclay St., New York city.	
PENNSYLVANIA.— <i>Northumberland</i> —Williamsport 2d,	W. Y. BROWN, D.D., <i>Corresponding Secretary</i> .	

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD TO DECEMBER 1, 1885.

PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

Rev. Kerr C. Anderson and the First Church of Troy, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Troy, Sept. 27, 1885.

Rev. J. C. Barr and the church of Alexandria, Pa., by the Presbytery of Huntingdon, Oct. 6, 1885.

Rev. Frank Chaffler, D.D., and the First Church of Freehold N. J., by the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Rev. W. J. Chichester and the First Church of Germantown, Pa., by the Presbytery of Philadelphia North, Oct. 6, 1885.

Rev. E. P. Clark and the church of Vassar, Mich., by the Presbytery of Saginaw, Oct. 14, 1885.

Rev. J. S. Dickey and the churches of Garrison and Big Grove, by the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids, Nov. 8, 1885.

Rev. J. W. Ellis and the First Church of Los Angeles, Cal., by the Presbytery of Los Angeles, Sept. 17, 1885.

Rev. A. W. Fisser and the German church of Atlantic City, by the Presbytery of West Jersey, Oct. 21, 1885.

Rev. F. W. Fisher and the church of Portville, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, Oct. 6, 1885.

Rev. Francis I. Grimké and the 13th Church of Washington, D. C., by the Presbytery of Washington City, Oct. 30, 1885.

Rev. G. C. Hunt and the church of Logan, O., by the Presbytery of Athens, Sept. 22, 1885.

Rev. George P. Hays, D.D., and the Central Church of Denver, Col., by the Presbytery of Denver, Oct. 6, 1885.

Rev. D. L. Hughes and the Tranquillity Church, Iowa, by the Presbytery of Waterloo, Oct. 6, 1885.

Rev. George A. Irwin and the church of Council Grove, Kansas, by the Presbytery of Council Grove, Oct. 13, 1885.

Rev. John R. Lewis and the First Church of Middletown, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Hudson, Sept. 21, 1885.

Rev. F. T. Logan and the Second Church of Oxford, Pa., by the Presbytery of Chester, Oct. 7, 1885.

Rev. Samuel T. Lowrie, D.D., and the church of Ewing, N. J., by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Oct. 7, 1885.

Rev. J. W. McClusky and the church of Delta, O., by the Presbytery of Maumee, Sept. 15, 1885.

Rev. O. B. McCurdy and the church of Woodstown, N. J., by the Presbytery of West Jersey, Sept. 20, 1885.

Rev. W. C. Magner and the church of Rossville, Ills., by the Presbytery of Bloomington, Oct. 13, 1885.

Rev. John C. Miller and the church of North Topeka, Kansas, by the Presbytery of Topeka, Sept. 20, 1885.

Rev. Wilson Phinzer, D.D., and the church of Sing Sing, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Westchester.

Rev. John N. Rankin and the church of Gardner, Kansas, by the Presbytery of Topeka, Sept. 20, 1885.

Rev. Wm A. Rice and the church of Canandaigua, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Geneva, Oct. 26, 1885.

Rev. Levi Risher and the churches of Duncansville and Martinsburg, Pa., by the Presbytery of Huntingdon, Oct. 6, 1885.

Rev. Wm. D. Snodgrass, D.D., and the church in Goshen, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Hudson, Nov. 12, 1885.

Rev. J. H. Whitehead and the Union Avenue Church, East Orange, N. J., by the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, Nov. 17, 1885.

Rev. C. W. Winnie and the church of Bellmore, L. I., N. Y., by the Presbytery of Nassau, Oct. 6, 1885.

Rev. Augustus W. Williams and the Wharton Street Church, Philadelphia, Pa., by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1885.

Rev. George F. Wiswell, D.D., and the Green Hill Church, Philadelphia, Pa., by the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central, Oct. 6, 1885.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Rev. Thomas J. Aiken over Trinity Church of Berwyn, Pa., by the Presbytery of Chester, Nov. 18, 1885.

Rev. W. Baesler over First German Church of Paterson, N. J., by the Presbytery of Jersey City, Nov. 12, 1885.

Rev. R.olla G. Bugbee over the church of Canton, N. Y., by the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, Nov. 19, 1885.

Rev. Robert F. Coyle over the Fullerton Avenue Church of Chicago, Ills., by the Presbytery of Chicago, Nov. 12, 1885.

Rev. George T. Crissman over the First Church of Hastings, Neb., by the Presbytery of Hastings, Nov. 1, 1885.

Rev. Lewis I. Drake, D.D., over the church of Holden, Mo., by the Presbytery of St. Louis, Oct. 27, 1885.

Rev. Charles E. Edwards was ordained and installed over the church of Millflinburg, Pa., by the Presbytery of Northumberland, Nov. 5, 1885.

Rev. John K. Fowler over the church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids, Nov. 8, 1885.

Rev. Joseph Gaston over the church of Harvard, Ills., by the Presbytery of Peoria, Oct. 27, 1885.

Rev. G. B. Gillette over the church of Parket City, Pa., by the Presbytery of Kittanning, Oct. 27, 1885.

Rev. Gerard B. Fallock was ordained and installed over the church of Wheatland, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Rochester, Oct. 12, 1885.

Rev. George P. Hays, D.D., over the Second Church of Cincinnati, O., by the Presbytery of Cincinnati, Nov. 8, 1885.

Rev. John T. Hopkins was ordained and installed over the church of North Platte, Neb., by the Presbytery of Kearney, Oct. 20, 1885.

Mr. C. D. Jacobs was ordained and installed over the church of Ishpeming, Mich., by the Presbytery of Lake Superior, Oct. 10, 1885.

Mr. Wm L. McEwan was ordained by the Presbytery of New Castle, Nov. 13, 1885.

Mr. Everett O. McFarland was ordained and installed over the First Church of Darby, Pa., by the Presbytery of Chester, Nov. 5, 1885.

Mr. Samuel J. McKinney was ordained and installed over the church of Olney, Ills., by the Presbytery of Cairo, Nov. 4, 1885.

Rev. H. A. Marshall over the church of Moreland, Ills., by the Presbytery of Chicago, Oct. 30, 1885.

Rev. Wm. Miller over the churches of Luners and Beaver Creek, by the Presbytery of Mankato, Oct. 13, 1885.

Rev. R. J. Milligan over the Rock and Zion Churches, Del., by the Presbytery of New Castle, Oct. 27, 1885.

Rev. G. G. Newell over the church of Bluffton, Ind., by the Presbytery of Fort Wayne, Oct. 20, 1885.

Mr. James G. Orr was ordained by the Presbytery of Ebenezer, Oct. 20, 1885.

Mr. Silas E. Persons was ordained and installed over the church of Boulder, Col., by the Presbytery of Boulder, Nov. 5, 1885.

Rev. A. M. Reynolds over the church of Columbus, Kansas, by the Presbytery of Iowa, Nov. 11, 1885.

Rev. J. C. Robinson over the church of White Bear Lake, Minn., by the Presbytery of St. Paul, Nov. 4, 1885.

Mr. Peter Robinson was ordained and installed over the First Church of Mt. Sterling, Ky., by the Presbytery of Ebenezer, Oct. 20, 1885.

Rev. Alexander Scott over the church of Mediapolis, Iowa, by the Presbytery of Iowa, Nov. 9, 1885.

Rev. J. C. Sherover over the church of Armagh and Centreville, Pa., by the Presbytery of Blairsville, Nov. 10, 1885.

Mr. Stephen Torrey was ordained by the Presbytery of Lackawanna, Nov. 9, 1885.

Rev. Wm. O. Thompson over the church of Longmont, by the Presbytery of Boulder, Nov. 9, 1885.

Rev. J. B. Unberger over the White Clay Creek Church, Del., by the Presbytery of New Castle, Nov. 5, 1885.

Rev. F. G. Weeks was ordained by the Presbytery of Winona, Nov. 3, 1885.

Rev. R. B. Whitehill over the church of Lyndon, Kansas, by the Presbytery of Emporia, Oct. 18, 1885.

Rev. J. M. Wright over the church of Harper, Kansas, by the Presbytery of Larned, Oct. 27, 1885.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES CHANGED.

Rev. G. R. Alden from Carbondale, Pa., to Chapel Street Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. D. D. Allen from Rockford to Spangle, Wash. Ter.

Rev. John H. Aughey from Farmington to Seaton, Ill.

Rev. L. M. Belden from Elk Rapids to Holloway, Mich.

Rev. E. G. Cheeseman from Mt. Pleasant, Mich., to Skaneateles, N. Y.

Rev. Edgar M. Clarke from Irvington to Pana, Ills.

Rev. K. J. Cresswell from N. P. Junction to Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. John T. Cunnrime from Fayette City to Coudersport, Pa.

Rev. E. S. Dwyer from Huron, O., to Diana, D. T.

Rev. Francis Dresser to 1230 Tieren Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Thomas M. Gunn from Joliet, Ills., to Walla Walla, Wash. T.

Rev. D. M. Hazlett from Lockport, Pa., to Asbury, Warren Co., N. J.

Rev. A. J. Henry from Amelia Court House to Sunderland Academy, Henry Pond, Amelia Co., Va.

Rev. S. I. Hickey from Gap, Pa., to 976 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. T. Dwight Hunt from Fenton, Mich., to Chill, N. Y.

Rev. W. H. Hunter from Minnewaukon to Mints, Dak.

Rev. W. H. Jennings from Bennington to Culver, Kansas.

Rev. H. K. Kerr from Rural Valley, Pa., to Park River, D. T.

Rev. J. C. Lester from Jacksonville to Waldo, Fla.

Rev. H. B. McBride from Ukiah to Healdsburg, Cal.

Rev. I. W. McCluskey from Delta to Antwerp, Ohio.

Rev. S. J. McPherson, D. D., from 148 Twenty-second St. to 2625 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ills.

Rev. James B. Macool to 819 Ellsworth St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. F. X. Miron from Fowler to Earl Park, Ind.

Rev. Felipe Pastrana's address is Micho, Mexico, and not Mich. as in the Minutes.

Rev. W. M. Porter from Mt. Vernon, Iowa, to 424 Twenty-third Street, Denver, Col.

Rev. J. Rea from 570 Thirteenth Street, Oakland, to 923 Fifth Avenue, East Oakland, Cal.

Rev. Wm A. Rice from Canandaigua to No. 3 Frazer Block, S. Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Rev. James Roberts, D.D., from Coatesville to Darby, Pa.

Rev. Joseph W. Sanders from Milwaukee, Wis., to 23 Union Park, Boston, Mass.

Rev. Thomas A. Sanson from Muscogee, Ind. Ter., to Argyle, Washington Co., N. Y.

Rev. Alexander Scott from Russell to Mediapolis, Iowa.

Rev. A. M. Shaw from Decatur to Tener, Kaufman Co., Tex.

Rev. J. C. Smith from Ia., to Smithville, Ill.

Rev. S. D. Taylor from Tontogozo to Orewell, Ashtabula Co. O.

Rev. W. W. Thorpe from Centreville, Ia., to Wellington, Kan.

Rev. John W. Van Eiman from Covert, Kansas, to Pine Grove Mills, Pa.

Rev. J. P. White from Baird, Texas, to 183 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Mass.

Rev. B. A. Williamson from Washington, D. C., to Pana, Ills.

Rev. E. W. H. Willamson from Greenfield to Glades, St. Louis Co., Mo.

Rev. James M. Wilson from Decatur to Omaha Agency, Neb.

Rev. J. L. Wilson from Centre Junction, Iowa, to Eustis, Orange Co., Fla.

DEATHS.

Rev. Samuel G. Brown, D.D. LL.D., of the Presbytery of Utica, at Utica, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1885 in his 73d year.

Rev. John Butler of the Presbytery of Ningpo, at Ningpo, China, Oct. 11, 1885.

Rev. John Mander of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1885.

Ministers are respectfully requested to furnish their changes of address directly to *The Monthly Record*. It is sent to all ministers of the Presbyterian Church, and it is important that their correct addresses should always be in the office.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.

When the collection for the Freedmen is taken up, please REMEMBER—

1. Lincoln University's theological department is controlled and authorized by the General Assembly. It is also annually commended to the churches for support by that body.

2. Lincoln University depends chiefly on the contributions which come to it from this source. It receives no aid from the Freedmen's Board; but makes its own appeal, and its appeals are endorsed by the Assembly as those of the Boards.

3. Lincoln University is an important and necessary auxiliary of missions to the Freedmen—furnishing the missionaries and the ministers for their churches, and the teachers for their schools. REMEMBER—

4. If some of the dormitories are this year vacant, they are vacant not for the lack of approved candidates (for they could be filled twice over with such), but for want of means to support them. The cost of board and tuition, including all college expenses, ranges from \$130 to \$150. Multiply this sum by the number of the students, adding something for other current expenses, and you may determine what is needed annually for the highest efficiency of the work. Last year the dormitories were crowded with over 200 students.

5. Lincoln University gives a thorough classical, scientific and literary course of *four* years, followed by the usual theological course of *three* years for those who are to enter the Christian ministry. The theological department is the nucleus of the entire work. To the growth of this all the rest is tributary. The Preparatory instruction is now chiefly given in educational institutions established and conducted by our graduates in the South.

6. But the great unsupplied need of the Negroes calls urgently for an immediate enlargement of the work, for additional buildings, for a larger number of permanent scholarships of \$2500 each, and for the endowment of at least two new chairs of instruction, at \$25,000 each.

Address the Financial Secretary,

Rev. EDWARD WEBB,
OXFORD, CHESTER COUNTY, PA.

Rev. J. CHESTER, Cincinnati, Ohio, is our agent for the West.

BEQUESTS.

In the preparation of Wills, when it is desired to make Bequests to the General Assembly, or any of its Boards or Permanent Committees, care should be taken to insert the Corporate Name, as known and recognized in the Courts of Law. Bequests for the

General Assembly should be made to "The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

Board of Home Missions,—to "The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, incorporated April 19th, 1872, by Act of the Legislature of the State of New York."

Board of Foreign Missions,—to "The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

Board of Church Erection,—to "The Board of the Church Erection Fund of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, incorporated May 5th, 1871, by the Legislature of the State of New York."

Board of Publication,—to "The Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Publication."

Board of Education,—to "The Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

Board of Relief,—to "The Presbyterian Board of Relief for Disabled Ministers and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers."

Board on Freedmen,—to "The Board of Missions for Freedmen of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

Board of Aid for Colleges,—to "The Presbyterian Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies."

Sustentation is not incorporated. Bequests for its treasury should be made to "The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, incorporated April 19th, 1872, by Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, for Sustentation."

The Permanent Committee on Temperance is not incorporated. Bequests for it should be made to "The Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, for the Permanent Committee on Temperance."

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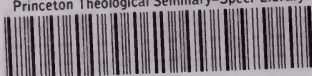
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